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SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG!**

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CONTROL Zone



Your online guide to the sensational world of Sega and Sonic The Comic. Hosted by Megadroid.

Welcome Screen

Hey, Boomers!

Isn't it about time STC featured some more free gifts? I thought you'd say yes! In that case, here's a big hint ... make sure you don't miss issues 34 and 35, you never know what you might find taped to the covers!

There are also further secrets revealed of the planet Mobius in the return of the popular STC series **Sonic's World**. B.A.R.F. operatives Cam 'n' Bert kick-off the series and they'll be followed by more stories providing you with the complete guide to Sonic and his weird world!

As well as part two of **Mutant League** and the latest transmission from **Pirate S.T.C.**, the latest **Review Zone** provides a real feast for sports fans featuring action from the worlds of baseball, football and motor racing. The **Q Zone** is devoted exclusively over the next two issues to **The Eternal Champions**, so if any Boomers are having trouble completing this top game — we've got the solution you need!

Now go scan yet another megastastic issue, starting with a certain Hedgehog in STC's latest **Sonic** sensation: **The Unbeatable Fox!** What are you waiting for?

Famous Gamers

Continuing STC's coverage of Sega worshippers (or celebs who know their Game Gears), these popsters were snapped during the trio of **Sega/Capital Radio Roadshows** which took place in May (as featured in STC 31). But the question is: do you know who they are? Answers at the bottom of the page.



Answers: (1) Badboys Inc., (2) Tony D. Bert, (3) E.Y.C., (4) Danni Mingo, (5) Kenny Thomas.

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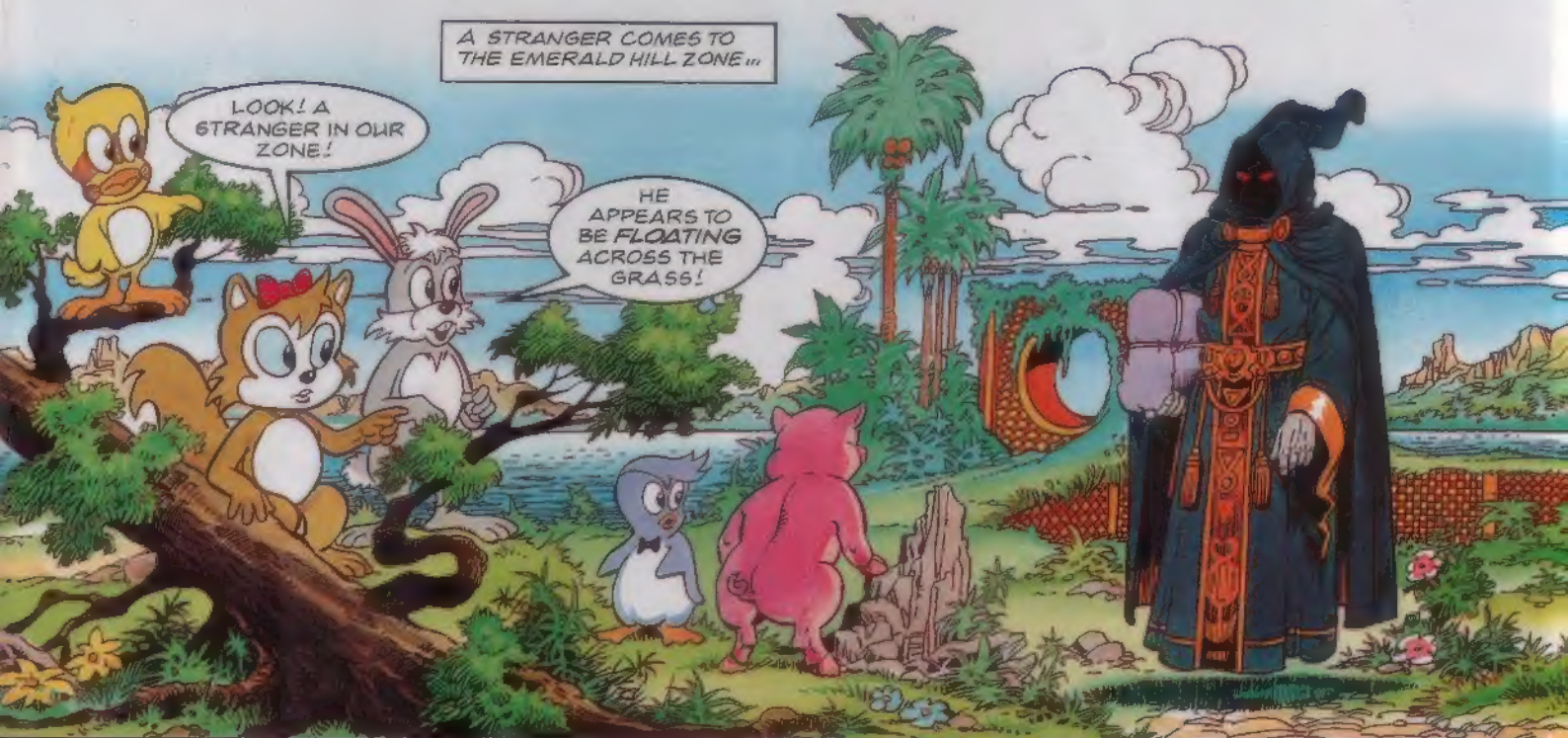
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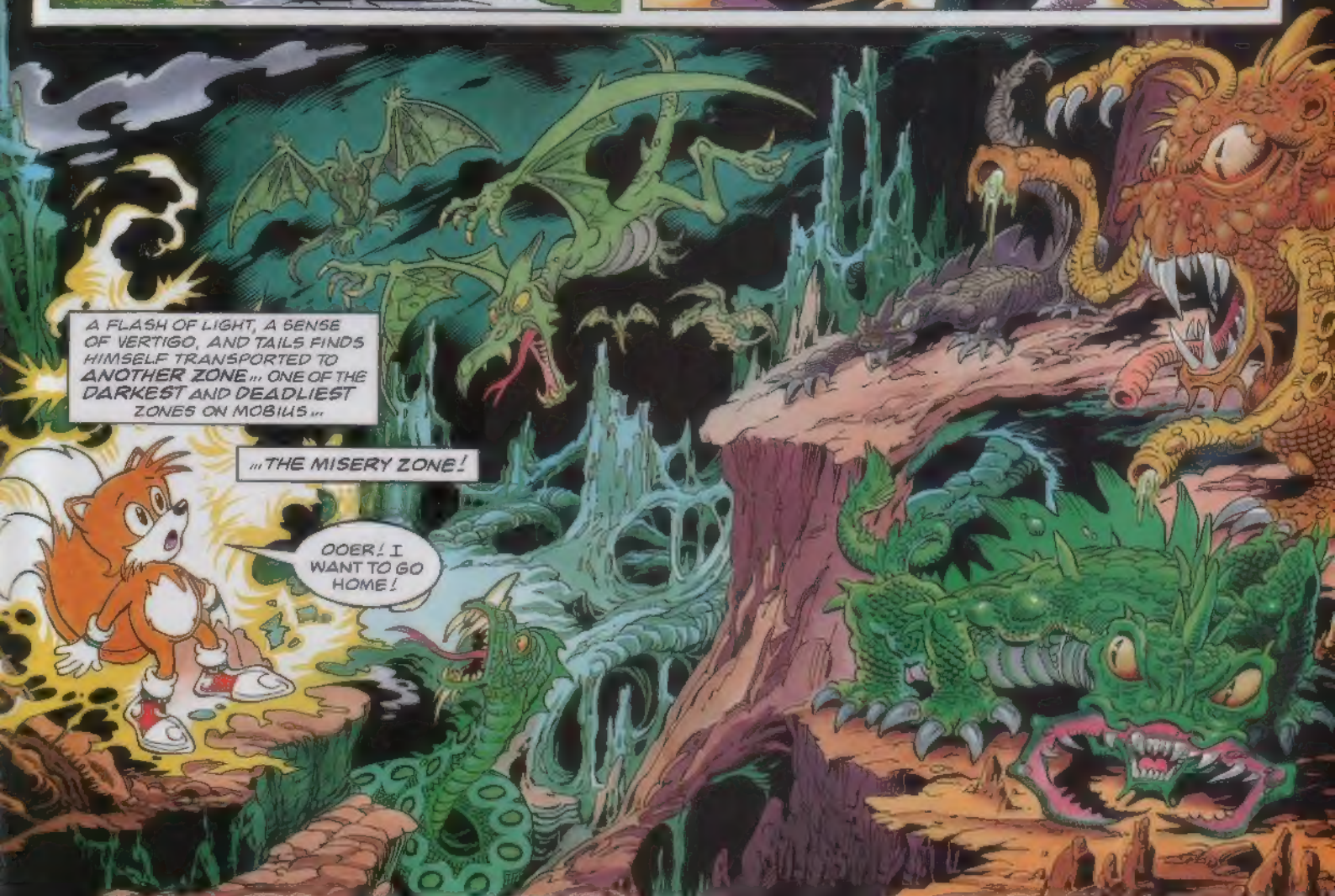
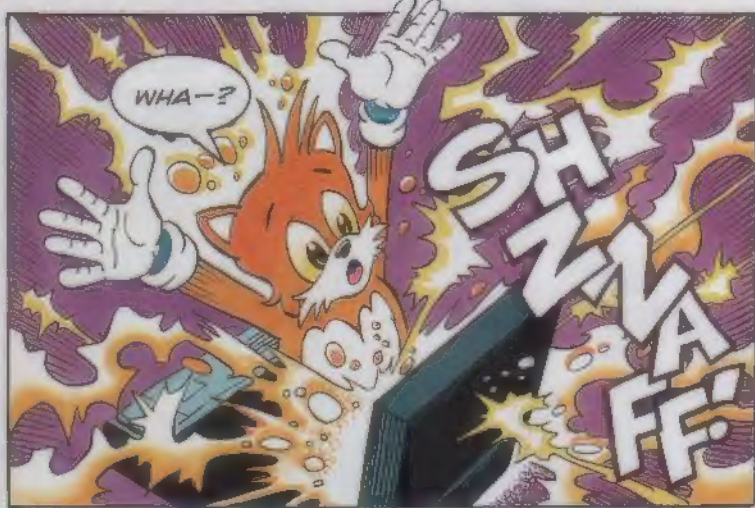
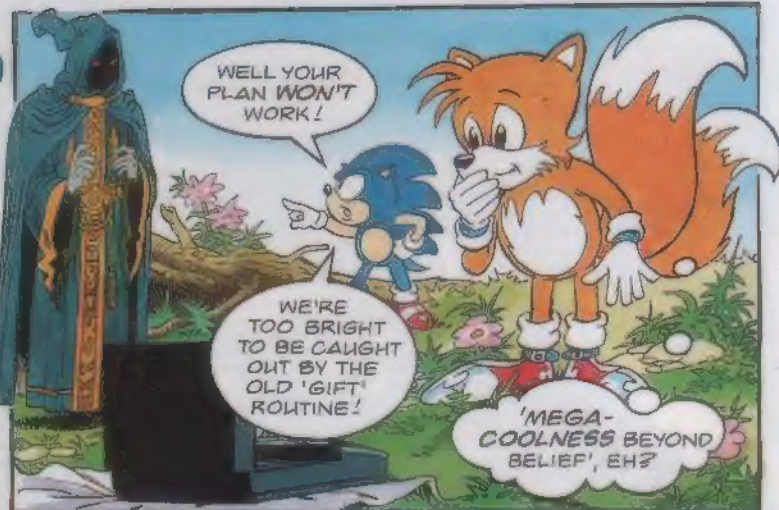
SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

The Unbeatable Foe

Script:
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Casanovas
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Ellie de'Ville







BACK AT THE EMERALD HILL ZONE ...

RRRAAGHH!

YOU WERE RIGHT, SONIC! I AM WORKING FOR DOCTOR ROBOTNIK ... AND YOUR FOOLISH FRIEND TAILS HAS FALLEN INTO THE TRAP PLANNED FOR YOU!

THE MONITOR IS A UNIQUE INTER-ZONE EXCHANGER! ROBOTNIK BUILT IT TO FREE THE DEADLIEST MONSTER FROM THE MISERY ZONE ... BUT IT COULD ONLY BE OPERATED IF SOME FOOL TOOK ITS PLACE ...

... YOUR FRIEND TAILS WAS THAT FOOL!

FOOSH!

REMEMBER ME TO THANK HIM WHEN I SEE HIM AGAIN!

EXPLAIN, CREEPO!



YOU WILL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN! TAILS CANNOT ESCAPE FROM THE MISERY ZONE ...

... AND THIS CREATURE IS UNBEATABLE!

DUMPH!

OOF! WE'LL SEE ...

SONIC ISN'T THE ONLY ONE
HAVING A BAD DAY !!!

SKREE!

SKREE!

I GET THE
DISTINCT IMPRESSION
THAT MYSTERIOUS TRAVELLER
WAS FIBBING ABOUT
THAT MONSTER!

I MEAN, IF
THIS IS BEING MEGA-
COOL, I THINK I'D
PREFER TO STAY
UNCOOL!

SSKKRAA!

SPEAKING OF MEGA-COOL !!!

THERE'S
GOTTA BE SOME
WAY TO STOP THIS
CONTENDER FOR
AN UGLY
CONTEST!

FOOOOSH!

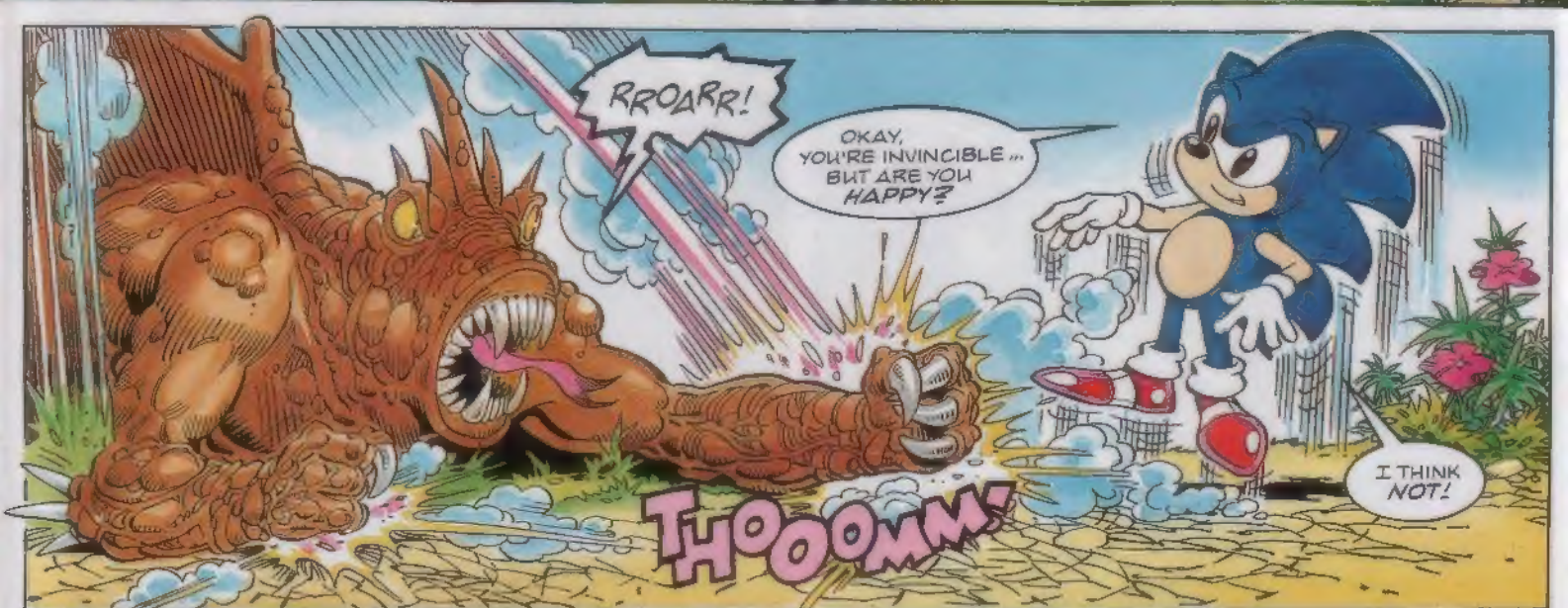
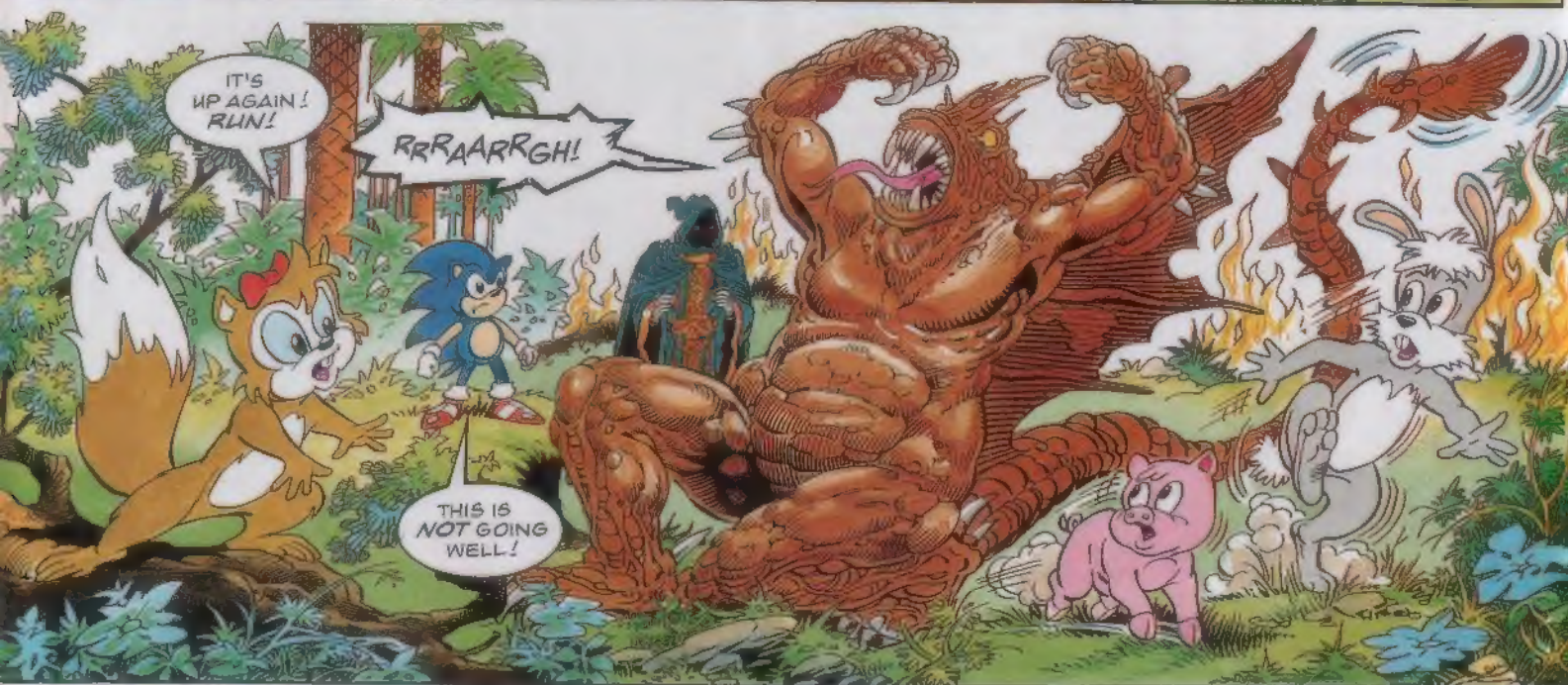
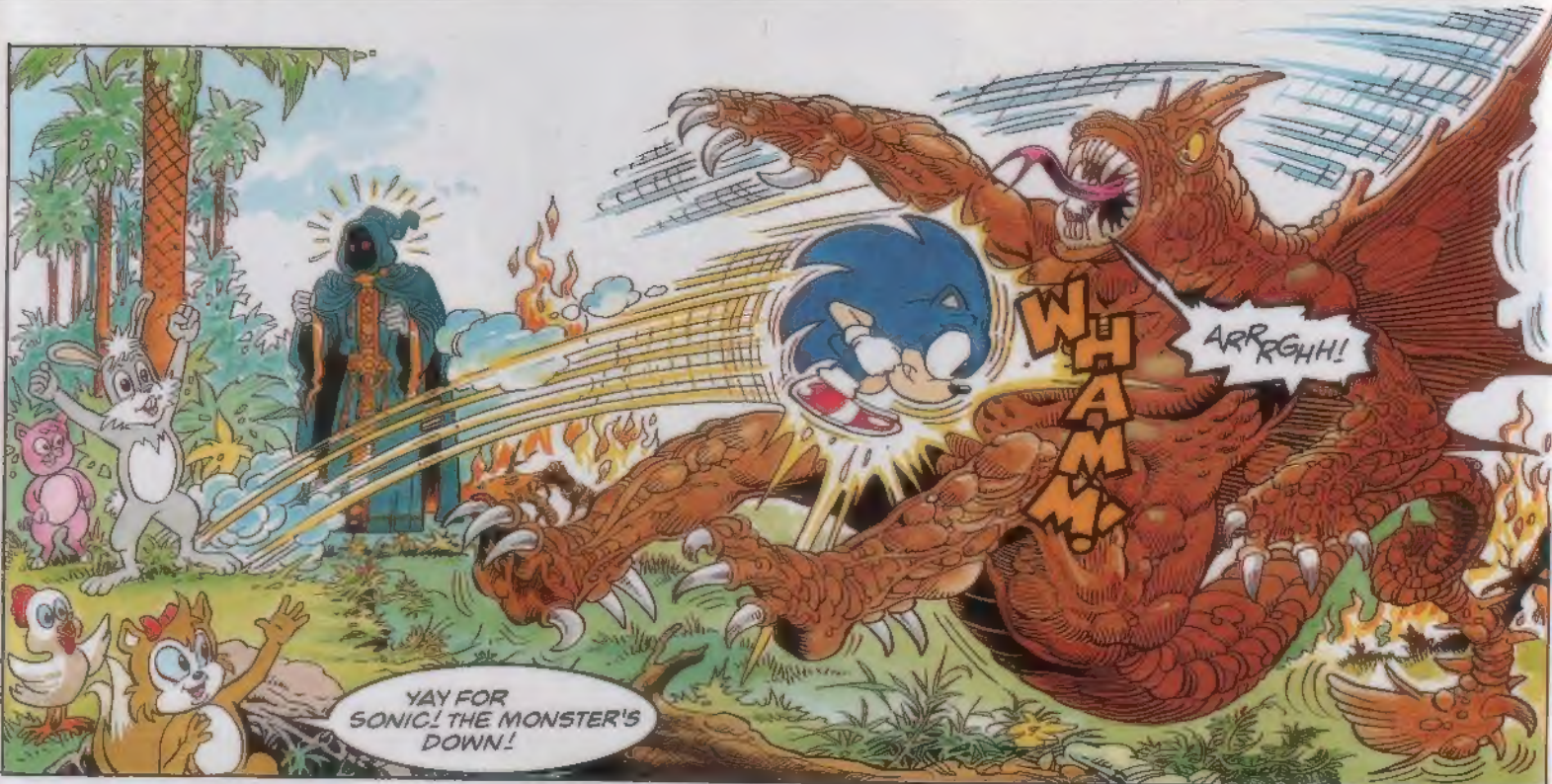
THE MONSTER
IS INDESTRUCTIBLE!
IT EXISTS ONLY TO
DESTROY!

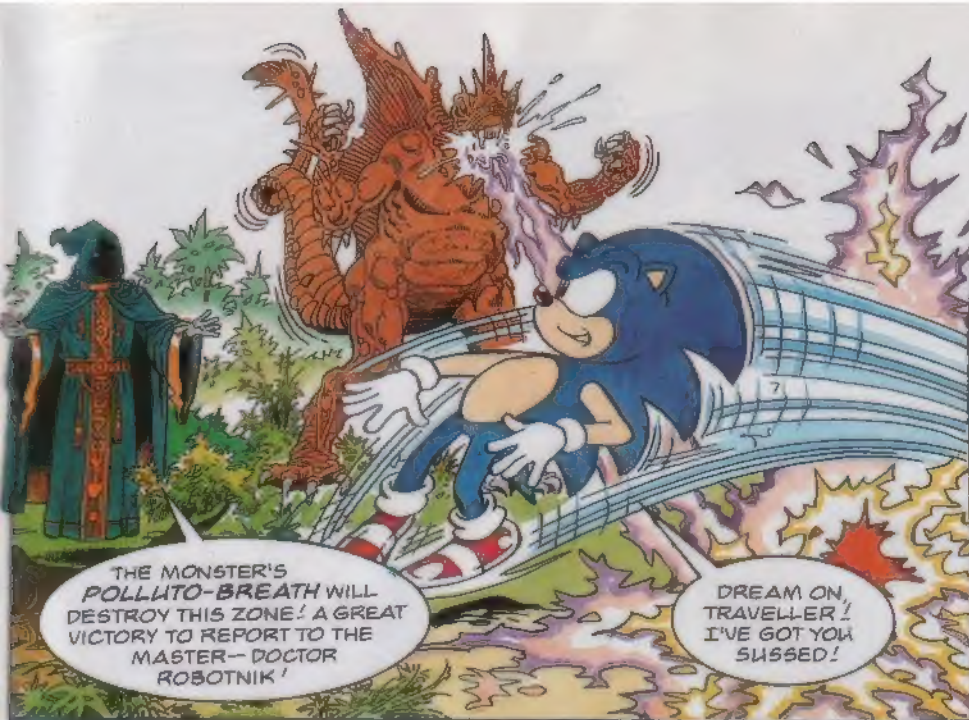
IT'S CERTAINLY
NOT GOING TO BE BEATEN
BY SOME BLUE HEDGE-
HOG! HAHHAH!

UGGH! I'M
NOT JUST SOME
BLUE HEDGEHOG,
TRAVELLER !!!

... I'M THE
BLUE HEDGEHOG-
SONIC!

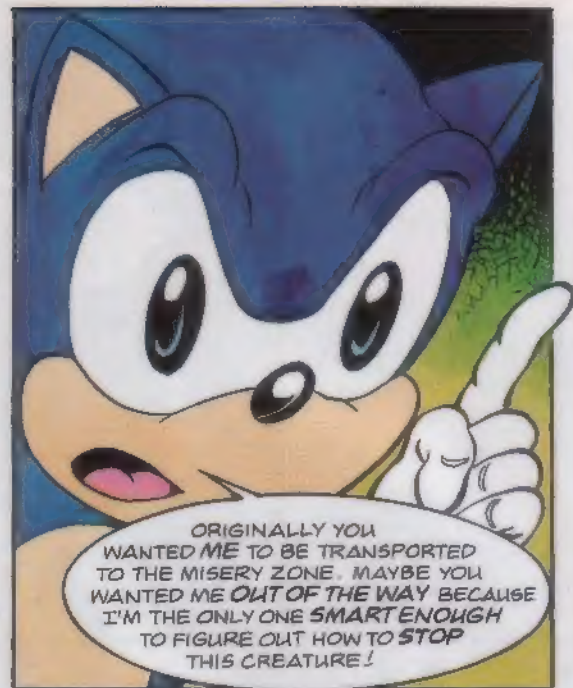
DON'T
BUG ME!



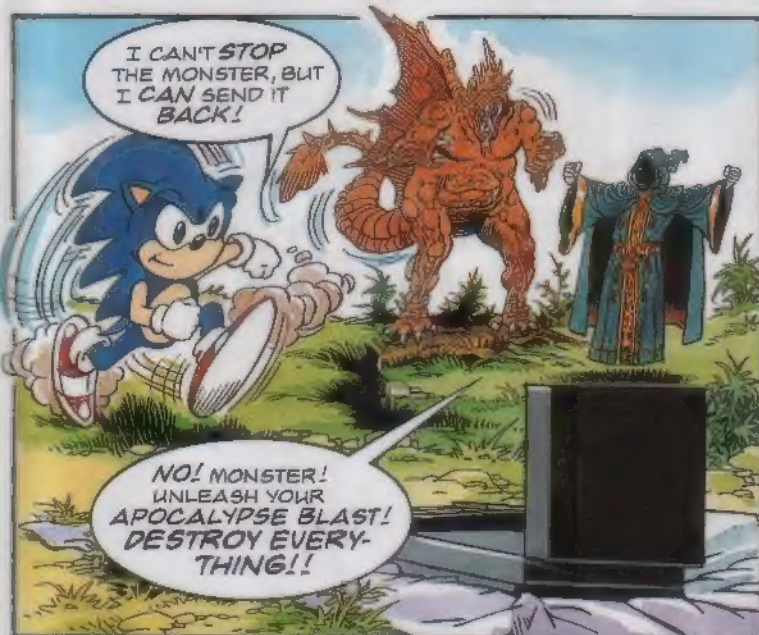


THE MONSTER'S POLLUTO-BREATH WILL DESTROY THIS ZONE! A GREAT VICTORY TO REPORT TO THE MASTER—DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

DREAM ON, TRAVELLER! I'VE GOT YOU Sussed!



ORIGINALLY YOU WANTED ME TO BE TRANSPORTED TO THE MISERY ZONE. MAYBE YOU WANTED ME OUT OF THE WAY BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY ONE SMART ENOUGH TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO STOP THIS CREATURE!



I CAN'T STOP THE MONSTER, BUT I CAN SEND IT BACK!

NO! MONSTER! UNLEASH YOUR APOCALYPSE BLAST! DESTROY EVERYTHING!!



RRAGHH!

CHEW ON THIS, DEATH-BREATH!



THE MONITOR HITS THE CREATURE AS IT UNLEASHES ITS TERRIBLE APOCALYPSE BLAST...

RRROARR!

SHAKE!



...TRANSPORTING THE CREATURE
BACK TO ITS OWN ZONE, AND THE
FULL FORCE OF THE BLAST ON
ITS EVIL INHABITANTS!

SKRREEEK!

FWA-BOOOOMM!

RRAAGHH-UH?

AAAIE!

LOOKS LIKE THE
MISERY ZONE WILL
HAVE TO BE CALLED
THE MISSING ZONE
FROM NOW ON.



THE
MONSTER'S
GONE! TAILS
IS BACK!

SONIC!
YOU SAVED
ME!



ACTUALLY,
I WAS SAVING THE
EMERALD HILL ZONE!
SAVING YOU AS WELL
WAS JUST A ...

A
BONUS?

NOT
WHEN I THINK
ABOUT IT,
NO.



SONIC!
THE TRAVELLER IS
ESCAPING!

LET HIM GO!
ROBOTNIK WILL DEAL
WITH HIM FOR FAILING
HIS MISSION!

THEY'LL
NEVER LEARN!
THE ONLY REALLY
UNBEATABLE GUY
AROUND
HERE ...

...IS
ME!

NEXT ISSUE: ENTER KNUCKLES!

REVIEW

Zone

Enter the zone that brings you reviews of all the new releases for the Sega game systems. Reviewers this issue: Jenny Fromer & David Gibbon.

RBI BASEBALL '94

game type: **SPORTS**
1-2 PLAYERS



Every year for the past five years, Tengen have released an **RBI Baseball** game in the USA. Each year, over 250,000 copies are sold. Each year, the game gets bigger, better and faster than the previous year. **RBI Baseball '94** plays more or less the same as the last game in the series, although the graphics have been improved dramatically. Tengen have also acquired the MLBPA (Major League Baseball Players Association) licence and have programmed in the real statistics for over 800 actual US players (none of who are recognisable over here!).

The game is overflowing with options. The main menu allows you not only to select a series of normal games, but you can also practice your fielding, running and defensive skills, as well as other options such as creating your own dream team and going on a stadium tour. All the 28 Major League baseball teams featured in the game have their own stadiums, each one having its real name. However, each stadium looks exactly the same as the others (something wrong there!). **RBI Baseball '94** has three difficulty levels; the easy level places an 'X' on the pitch indicating where your fielder should stand to catch the ball. For some reason a 'Crazyball' option is included which allows you to exchange the normal sound effects for frivolous ones. Totally pointless!

Once you start playing **RBI** you'll immediately notice the high quality graphics. They have been Rotoscoped to enable them to look and move like human beings (the same technique was used in the award-winning game *Flashback*). The on-screen radar helps enormously when you're trying to place your fielders ready to catch the ball, which is unusual as they're normally a waste of time (especially in football games!). If you've selected to play a whole season then be prepared as it takes ages to finish. Luckily, however, there is a password system so you can continue at a later date.

RBI Baseball '94 is full of stats, has real in-depth gameplay and complete up-to-date data. In short, it's the best baseball simulation around. - DG



Mega Drive



Mega CD



Master System



Game Gear

STC Rating System

under 40% - Yawnsville
40 - 70% - Normalsville
70 - 80% - Fun City
80 - 90% - Big Time City
over 90% - Mega City!

COMBAT CARS

game type: **ACTION**
1-2 PLAYERS



When Codemasters first launched *Micro Machines* in 1993, Mega Drive users got to taste some of the best playability ever seen in a video game. **Combat Cars** is the first game to be released that plays and looks like *MM*, albeit in a slightly different way -- and from a different publisher! It's an overhead racing game (like *MM*), but you've also got weapons to blast the opposition away (they do come back, though) or blind them for a while.

On starting you can choose either a one or two-player game. The two-player option gives you the chance to race either a split-screen head-to-head game, or you can join forces to blast away your



FAST FAX

PUBLISHER	PRICE
TENGEN	£44.99

GRAPHICS

.....90

SOUND

.....74

PLAYABILITY

.....87

RAVES GRAVES

The most detailed, in-depth baseball game around.

Will only appeal to baseball enthusiasts

OVERALL

84%

opponents. Eight drivers are available and each one has his/her own personality and varying skills. These include road handling (vital when speeding around tight corners), speed and acceleration. Each driver also has one limited weapon ranging between homing missiles to mine traps; the weapon has a limited use, but it does rebuild itself during play.

With 24 gruelling race tracks in six different locations, each with four laps, there's plenty here to keep you going for a long time. Unlike *Micro Machines*, the locations are set in such places as a sandy beach, a treacherous mountain range and icy snowtops. Once the race is underway you'll find the *Combat Cars* plays very similarly to *MM*. However, what makes this game much more difficult is the handling of the car. The first track is really easy, but after that you'll find that if going around a tight corner, the car will skid onto the side of the road, and before you know it you're in last position instead of first. You need to finish in the top two positions to qualify for the next race. This can prove difficult if you have slid to last place. Prize money will be awarded if you complete the race successfully, the amount depending on your time.

After each race you will enter a shop where you get the opportunity to purchase items to improve your road handling, speed, acceleration and weapons. The game features some excellent upbeat soundtracks which will have your toes tapping away! *Combat Cars* is a really addictive and challenging *MM* clone, but what prevents it getting a really high rating is that it's too hard (and the fact that you only have one life). If you can live with these then it's an essential purchase, otherwise wait for *Micro Machines 2*. - DG.

WORLD CUP USA '94

game type: SPORTS
1-2 PLAYERS



If you're looking for a soccer sim, there are no end of games currently on the market. US Gold have secured the official nod from the World Cup for *World Cup USA '94* and have arranged a timely release to coincide with the tournament itself. By doing this they have repeated a rare feat, first achieved with *Winter Olympics*: top sponsor, naff game.

Certainly *World Cup* lovingly re-creates the exact groups currently

competing in the US of A, and offers no end of customising options. Indeed,

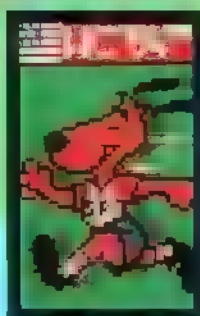
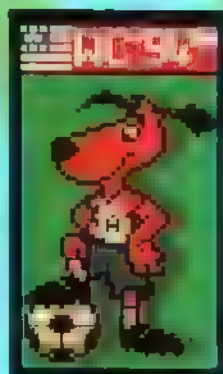
negotiating your way through these options is a lot tougher than getting to grips with the game itself. The choice of icons for setting up the gameplay are so confusing that you'll need the manual near at hand. And after all, what's the point of

changing your kit design or honing your players' skills when the great teams (Brazil, Germany, Italy) play the same type of football as the 'minnows'?

The problem with *WC USA '94* lies mainly with its unsophisticated graphics and partial view of the pitch from above. The game lacks the fluid movement and tactical play of the likes of *FIFA International Soccer* and *World Cup Striker*, and offers nothing new to compensate for this. While it's easy enough to play -- I reached the semis on only my third attempt -- there are some bugs in the system which can make it all very frustrating.

For instance, taking a free kick is a nightmare. To begin with, when you have a shot on goal, it is impossible to bring other players forward to help out. If you elect to shoot, the ball floats aimlessly into the area, and if you want to pass it or fix it somewhere wide of goal. Another particularly annoying feature is that any tackle seems to result in the victim running into the tunnel, clearly too injured to continue.

Basically, for a hot new release, *World Cup USA '94* is sadly tired. I found it most reminiscent of Anco's *Kick-Off* which is now four years old. It is particularly disappointing that the gamer's knowledge of World Cup football has absolutely no relevance. With so many football games available to choose from, my advice would be to seek out something much less dull. - JF



FAST FAX

PUBLISHER ACCOLADE PRICE £29.99

GRAPHICS

SOUND

PLAYABILITY

RAVES A real Micro Machine game. Under £30.

GRAVES Only one life. Make it to very far!

OVERALL 93%

FAST FAX

PUBLISHER US GOLD PRICE £44.95

GRAPHICS

SOUND

PLAYABILITY

RAVES Easy to pick up. Easy to play.

GRAVES Only one life. Make it to very far!

OVERALL 80%

MUTANT LEAGUE™

Bring Me The Head of Coach Brikka PART 2

SCRIPT: Steve White/
Brian Williamson

ART: Anthony Williams/
Brian Williamson

LETTERING: Tom Frame

WELCOME BACK! WE'RE HERE IN GEIGER COUNTY FOR THE MUTANT FOOTBALL LEAGUE'S XXIV SUPER-BOWEL, SPONSORED BY DIET SMEG - THE PASTE OF A NEW GENERATION.

AT THE END OF THE THIRD QUARTER, THE MIDWAY MONSTERS WERE LEADING THE SLAYCITY SLAYERS 419 TO 386. BUT IN AN INSPIRED CHANGE OF TACTICS THE SLAYERS' CAPTAIN, K.T. SLAYER, HAS LEFT THE ARENA IN POSSESSION OF THE HEAD OF THE MONSTERS' COACH.

K.T. LEAVES BEHIND HIM AN ARMY OF H.IRED FREELANCE PLAYERS RUNNING INTERFERENCE AGAINST BONES JACKSON AND HIS MIDWAY MONSTERS!

IS THAT A FOUL PLAY
CHUCK?

TOUGH CALL, BOB

TOUGH CALL, INDEED, BUT NOT AS TOUGH AS IT WILL BE FOR THE MIDWAY MONSTERS ONCE I, ZALGOR PRIGG, GET ACCESS TO BRIKKA'S KNOWLEDGE AND TACTICAL SKILLS BWAHAHAHA!*

*THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR A BWAHAHAHA

ZP Z KT
ETA ASAP,
AOK Z?

F P BLATTING
STAYED A HEAP
AT A COMFORTABLE
SHES HAPPY RASH

*GO FIGURE

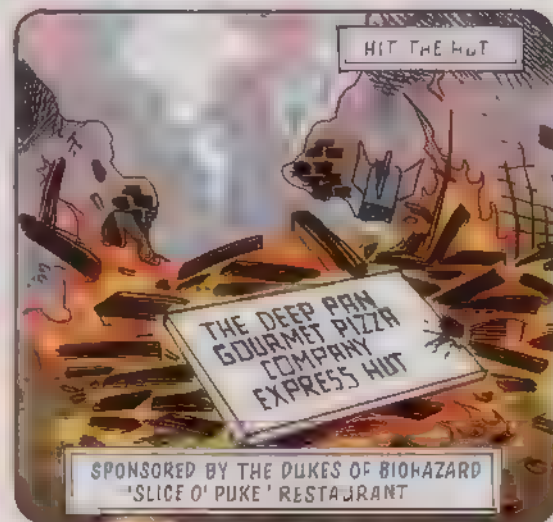
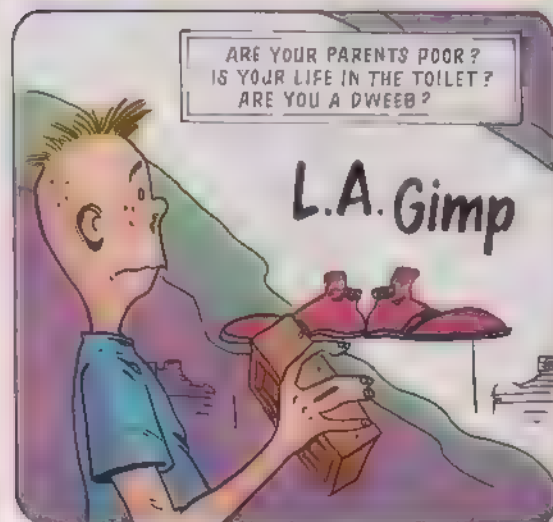
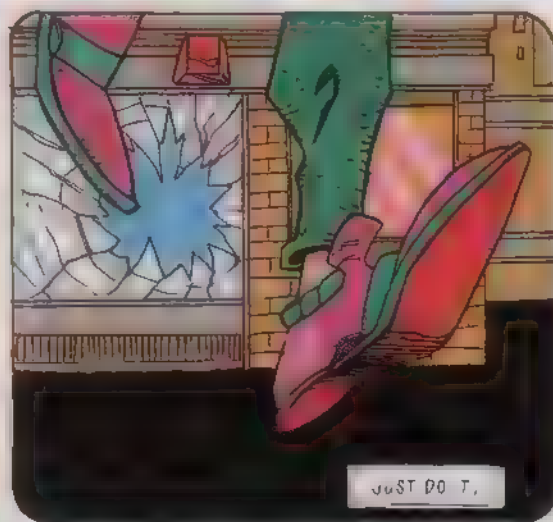
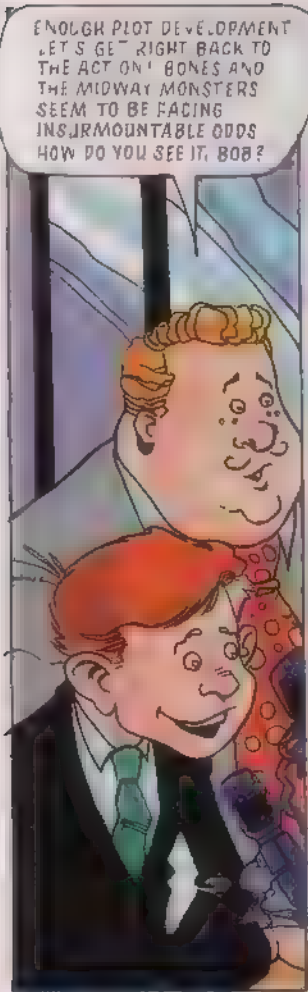
BR KKA'S BRAIN WILL BE HERE
SHORTLY HOW IS YOUR WORK
PROGRESSING DOCTOR
W ZZ?

SMOOTHLY, ZALGOR

ONCE WE HAVE
SYPHONED BRIKKA'S CEREBRAL SKILLS
THEY WILL BE LOADED INTO MY TEAM
OF INVINCIBLE BATTLE DROIDS! BWAAA-

THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF TIME
FOR HILARITY LATER. FOR NOW
LET US RETURN TO THE
DESTRUCTION OF THE MIDWAY
MONSTERS *

*OKAY SO THERE ISNT ALWAYS
ROOM FOR A BWAAAAHAA



WHERE BONES JACKSON
S ABOUT TO GET A
FACE AL OF FIVE!"

"OH EXTRAORDINARY!"

HUH?

BONES HAS BEEN
SAVED BY THE
RAZOR KID!
AND HE'S NOT EVEN
IN THE GAME

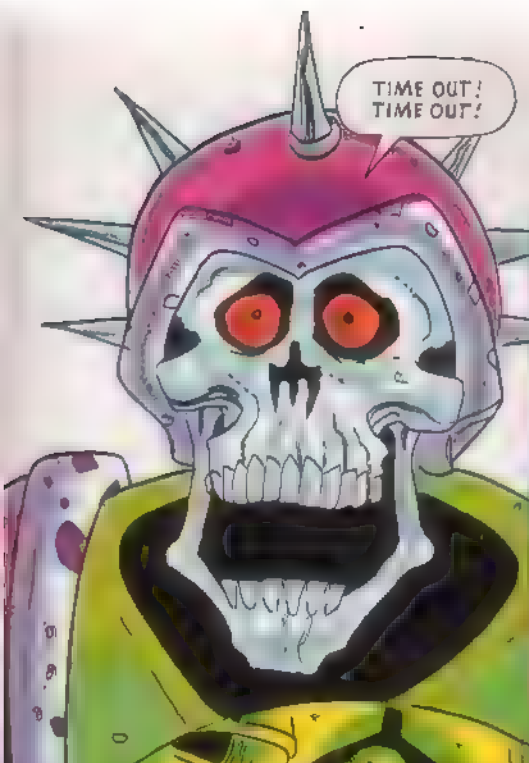
I DON'T WANT
TO SOUND
UNGRATEFUL
BUT WHAT
GIVES?

BET HEAVY ON
THE MONSTERS
TO WIN

DON'T LIKE
TO LOSE

WELL, THANKS. WE COULD DO
WITH THE HELP BUT BOY
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO
EARN THAT BET

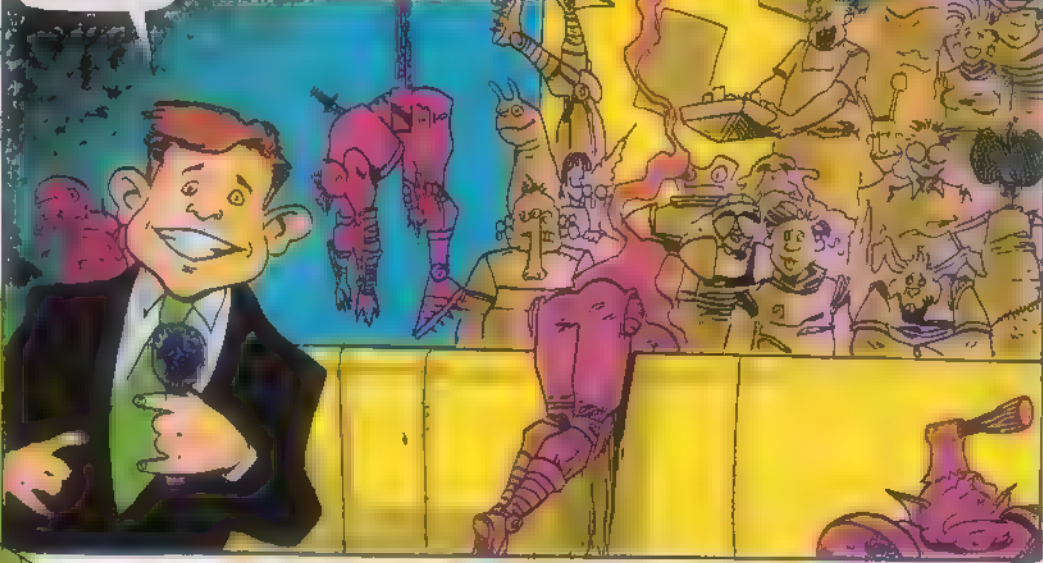
SHEESH TELL
ME ABOUT IT



TIME OUT!
TIME OUT!

AND WITH THIS TIME OUT BY THE MONSTERS
LET'S LOOK AT HOW THE GAME STANDS SO FAR,
89 CONFIRMED KILLS INCLUDING 53 INNOCENT
BYSTANDERS THE LAWSUIT METER IS AT \$25 MILLION
AND THERE'S A DENT STON HAND FOR TWO LOOSE
FEELINGS

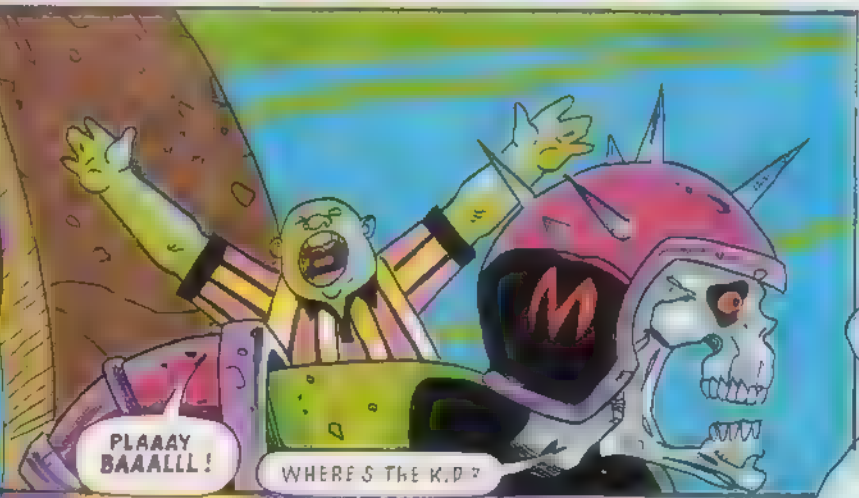
WET FOOT RAZOR + 3.1
WARM KAT, FEAR
SCRATCH YOUR FACE
IN A STICK



OKAY WE'RE
GONNA USE THE
38 22-36 PLAY

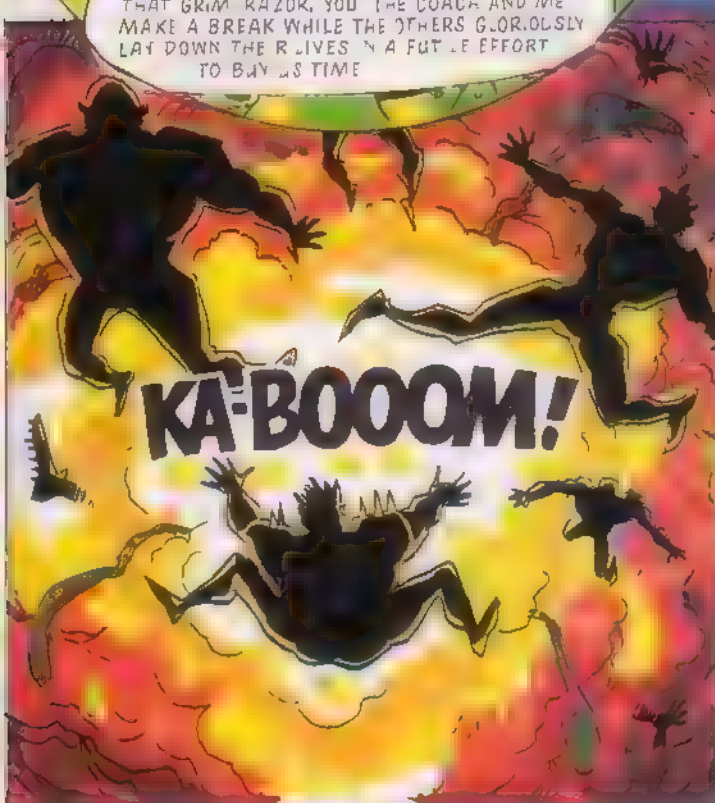
THIS CAN'T ME TO
WORRY ABOUT MY
MEASUREMENTS

SIGN IT'S GAME CODE BRENDA IT MEANS
THAT GRIM RAZOR, YOU THE COACH AND ME
MAKE A BREAK WHILE THE OTHERS GLORIOUSLY
LAY DOWN THE R LIVES IN A FUTILE EFFORT
TO BUY US TIME

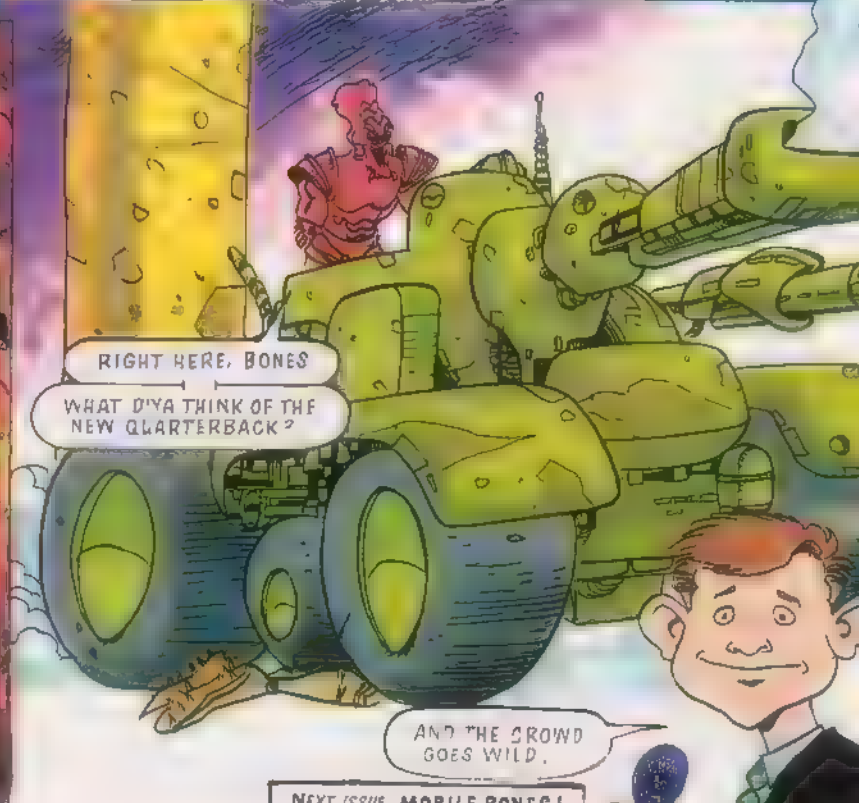


PLAAAY
BAAALL!

WHERE'S THE K.D?



KA-BOOOM!



RIGHT HERE, BONES

WHAT D'YA THINK OF THE
NEW QUARTERBACK?

AND THE CROWD
GOES WILD.

NEXT ISSUE MOBILE BONES!

NEWS Zone

Newsguard: Gary Pezz.

JURASSIC PARKING

DINOSAUR RACERS FROM CODEMASTERS

Following news of Core Design's **BC Racers** for the Mega-CD and Mega Drive 32X (see STC 31), owners of standard Mega Drives may have felt a little left out. Well, they need not worry, for Codemasters' **Dino Racers** looks as though it will more than adequately fill the gap.

Dino Racers 3D competition features a choice of eight characters, eight different scenes (including Glacier, Desert and Jungle islands), a healthy selection of power-ups, and a split-screen for two players. But, get this: the racers don't have wheels — they haven't been invented yet. Instead, the players sit on top of dinosaurs and have the advantage of using a club to bash opponents!

Dino Racers is due for release at the end of this year.

SONIC & KNUCKLES: THE DREAM TEAM?

HOW COME HAVE SO MANY GAMES?

As many of you may have noticed, Sega's Sonic the Hedgehog and his friends are making a name for themselves in the Mega-Drive and 32X markets. In fact, they're making a big name.

But why all the hype? Well, Sonic is a fast-moving, colorful character who is the only one of his kind. He's a hedgehog, for one thing, and he's got a very unique personality. He's a dream team.

The 32X version of the game is the most complete version, in

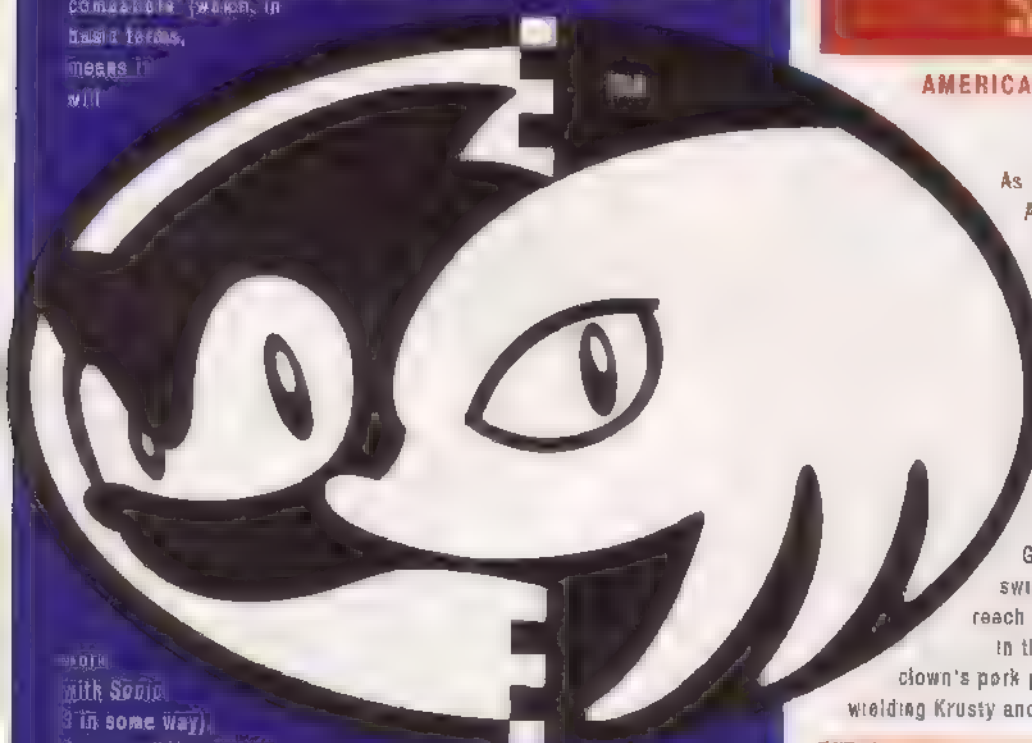
terms of

graphics,

sound,

and

play.



with

Sega

in some way.

One possibility is that

Sonic & Knuckles will be the first of a new series of games, a new

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THE SIMPSONS STRIKE BACK

AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY RETURNS

As promised in STC 23, here are further details of Acclaim's two new games based on the top television show: the Simpsons: namely **Virtual Bart** and **Itchy And Scratchy**.

In **Virtual Bart**, Bart Simpson finds himself trapped in six different Virtual Realities — effectively making **Virtual Bart** a collection of simple games to be completed if Bart is to return to normality(,.)

Game one, **Jurassic Bart**, sees our hero's head stuck on to a dinosaur's body, and he has to use his tail to fend off prehistoric predators and his family. In Game two, **Baby Bart**, the poor lad's a tot who has to swing between tree branches, avoiding animals if he's to reach an ice-cream van.

In the **Pork Factory**, Bart's a pig caught up in Krusty the clown's pork processing plant, dodging workers, a cattle-prad-wielding Krusty and the factory's deadly machinery if he's to free his

porcine pals. In complete contrast to spice up the annual school photograph, Bart has to throw tomatoes at his fellow Springfield School pupils.

Mount Splashmore Springfield's famous water-park, is the setting for a 3D race down a tube, with Bart bypassing anyone stuck inside. There's a 3D race of a different sort to be won in the aftermath of Springfield's nuclear reactor



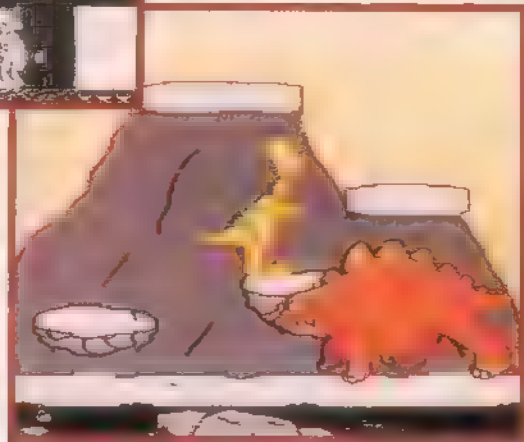
overloading, with Bart on a motorbike fending off attacks from the town's crazed residents.

Itchy And Scratchy is a much more focused game, with the player controlling the mouse Itchy and failure meaning that the cat Scratchy can actually get his own back on his rodent 'friend' for once.

This bizarre beat-'em-up is spread over seven strange stages: a factory filled with conveyor belts and crushers, a Mediaeval castle with catapults and moats; a building site with cranes and girders, a Spanish galleon (including an underwater section), the Wild West, and a (predictable perhaps) pre-historic setting. Oh, and there's a secret stage to compete at the end of it all.

Equipment used by Itchy and Scratchy to bash each other senseless includes hammers, outlasses, ray-guns, chain-saws and bazookas. And it's all presented in an anything-can-happen-but-no-one-actually-gets-hurt cartoon-style way.

Virtual Bart and Itchy And Scratchy are both released on the Mega Drive in September, with a Game Gear version of Itchy And Scratchy due sometime in October.



SHORT BURSTS

THE MEGA DRIVE 32X

We've called it the Mega 32, the Mega Drive 32 and the Mega 32X. Now Sega's hot new add-on for the Mega Drive (see previous News Zones) has an official name - the Mega Drive 32X. Now you can sleep peacefully at nights.



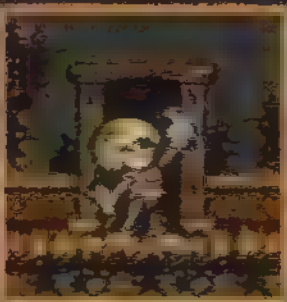
Mega Drive 32X

BATMAN RETURNS

One of the latest additions to Acclaim's collection of film licences coming to the Mega Drive (including *True Lies* and *StarGate*, as revealed in STC 23) is *Batman Forever*, the third Batman film. Unfortunately, work has only just begun on the film, so there's no telling when the game will eventually appear or even what it will be like.

COMPUTER CONVERSIONS

Archer Maclean's *Dreppzone* (the hard'n'fast blast out now on the Game Gear through Codemasters) is coming to the Mega Drive courtesy of Psygnosis. Look out for it later this year. Also on the cards is a Mega Drive conversion of the hit Amiga run'n'jump *Gun*, a slash romp, *Second Samurai*. The graphic style has been adapted and updated to make the whole thing look a little more like a Japanese game.



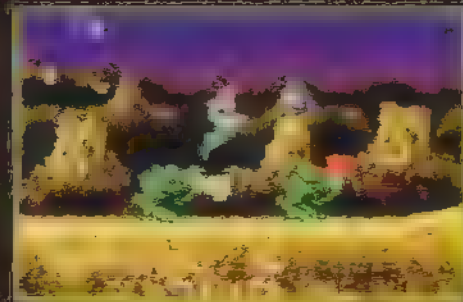
FLINK

A far better proposition is Psygnosis' *Flink*, star of what is certainly one of the prettiest Mega Drive releases yet. The bulk of the action entails running and jumping over different types of platform and through more than 50 colourful fantasy levels, shooting adversaries (the locale have been turned crazy by a mysterious fog), and collecting

objects to aid the solving of the occasional puzzle. There's also the chance to mix spells with ingredients acquired during Flink's travels. *Flink* will be available in September.

HARD TO THE CORE

Also from Psygnosis is *Hardcore*, yet another run'n'jump'n'blast for the Mega Drive (and



maybe the Mega-CD). The action, spread across six levels of a maze-like environment, involves shooting heavily-armed robots and androids and anything else that pops up its head. As you'd expect there are plenty of power-ups to collect, but who'd have thought they'd be driving a jeep with a big cannon, taking out enemy tanks, helicopters, planes, missile bases and most of the scenery, even two 'bonus' stages viewed not from the side (like the rest of the action) but from above. *Hardcore* should be out on the Mega Drive in September.



YOU NEED PROTECTOR

And speaking of running, jumping and blasting, Konami's *Probotector* is shaping up for release at the end of this year on the Mega Drive. The original *Super Probotector* for the SNES is regarded as one of the best games of its type, but Konami want to make the Mega Drive version even better with more of everything that makes running, jumping and blasting such great fun, including a host of the freakiest adversaries seen yet.

SONIC'S WORLD

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*BADNIK ARMY REPAIR FUNCTIONARIES

NO MORE MR. NICE BUG

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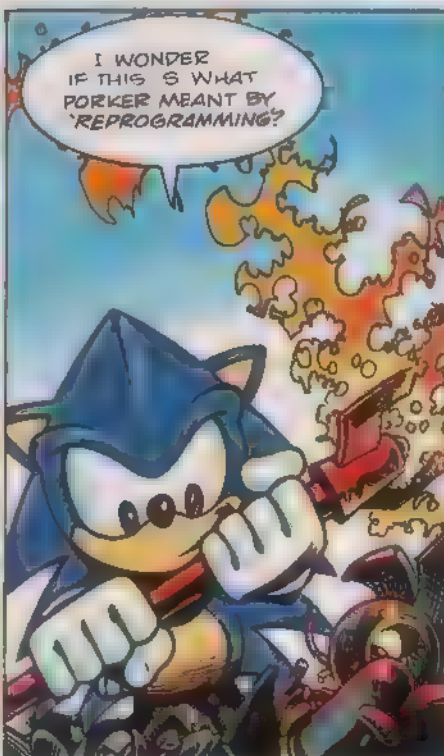
Elita Fell

SONIC IS TESTING ONE OF
PORKER LEWIS' INVENTIONS
IN THE GREEN HILL ZONE.



IT'S
REPROGRAM
TIME FOR YOU,
MOTO BUG

I WONDER
IF THIS S WHAT
PORKER MEANT BY
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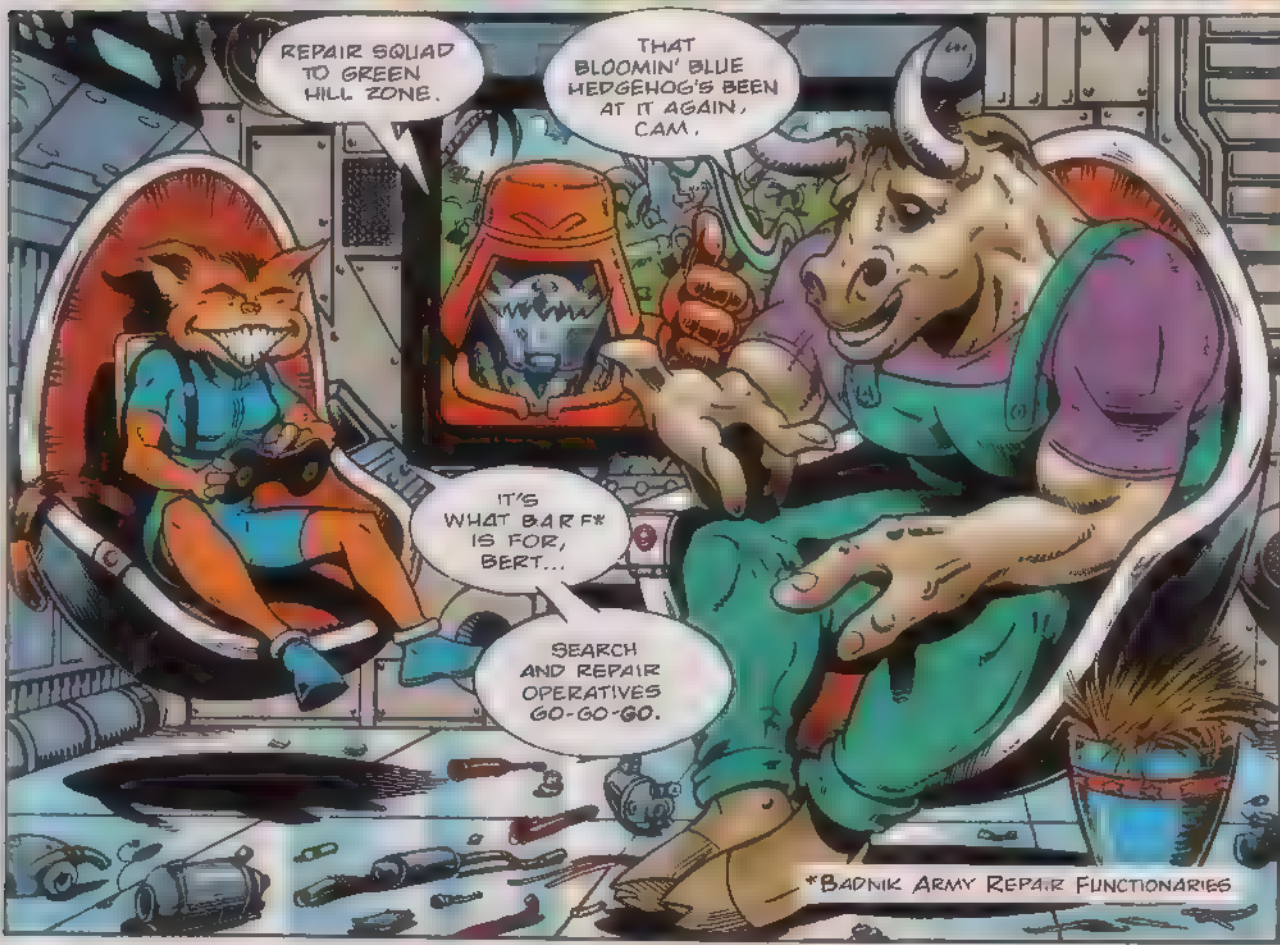


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TO GREEN
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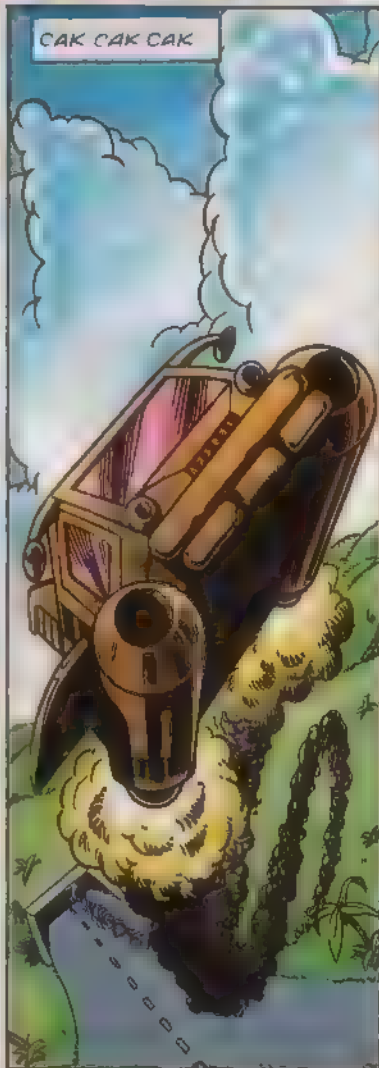
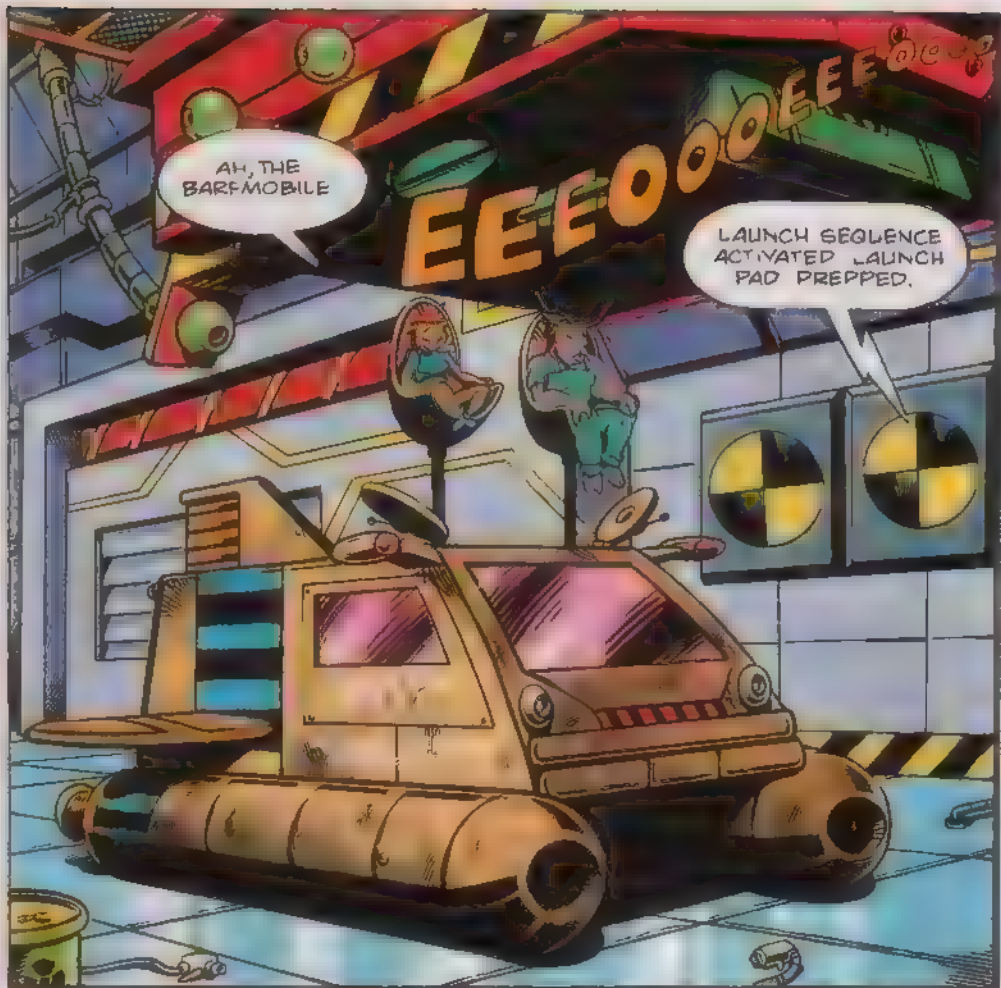
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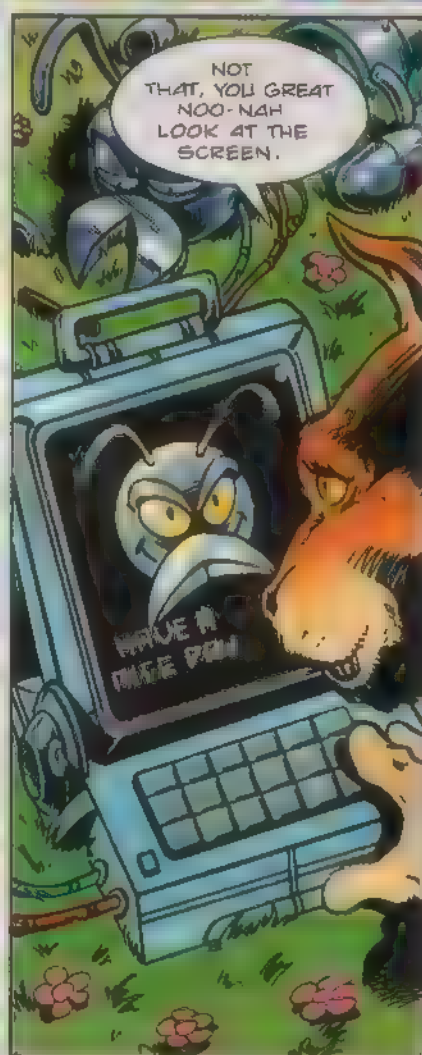
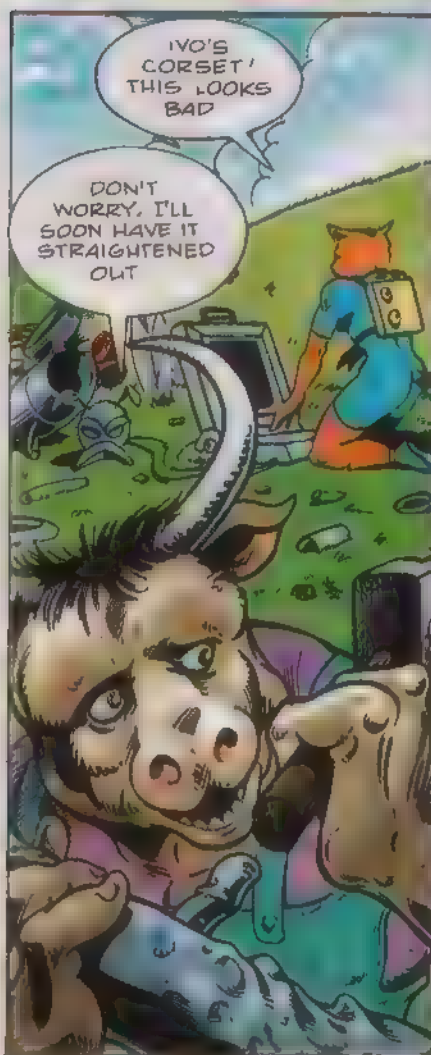
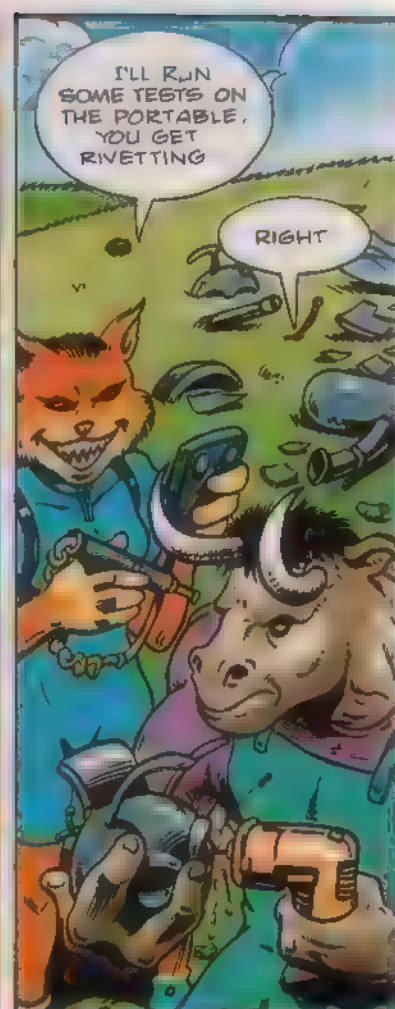
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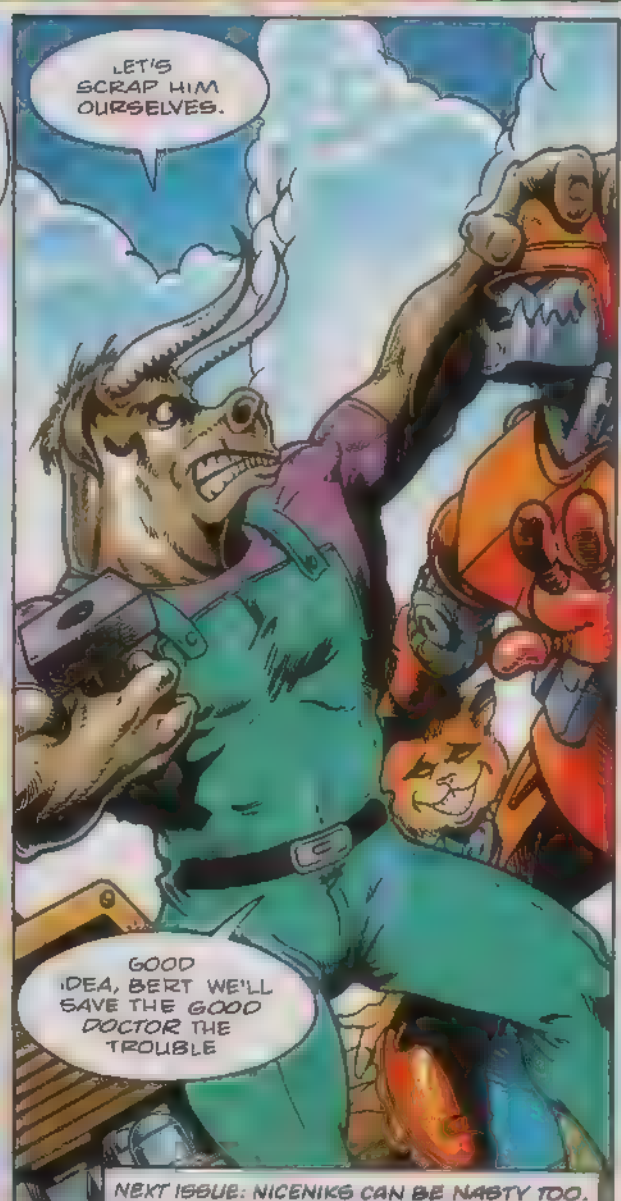


*BADNIK ARMY REPAIR FUNCTIONARIES









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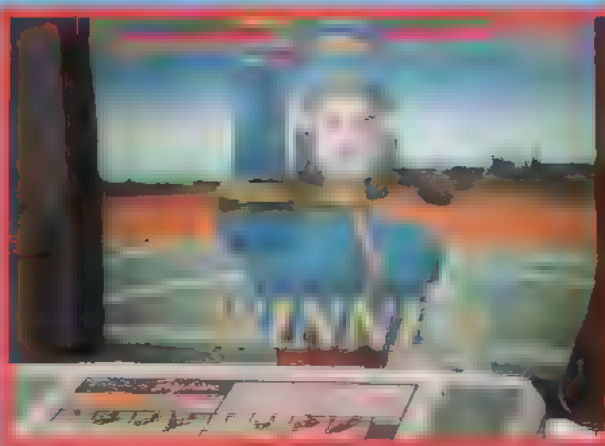
STC's roving reporter Chris Jones hits the road to find out what you have to say about important topics affecting the video game scene.

This issue:

SUPER HARDWARE: NEW HORIZONS OR COSTLY MISTAKES?

Holy hardware war! An invasion of super consoles is on the way. It seems that every big computer and electronics company has lined up a new black box, designed to take games into a dimension that they reckon will blow our minds. STC has already mentioned Sega's new wonder machine, Saturn, and the new Mega Drive 32X. Atari's so-called '64-bit' Jaguar is starting to appear in shops throughout the U.K., and the much-vaunted 3DO system with its super games is 'expected' this autumn. One of the biggest guns in the electronics biz, Sony have announced their PS-X (PlayStation X), a CD-only multimedia gizmo.

One thing all these new gadgets have in common is the promise to deliver 'arcade quality' games into your homes now or within the next twelve months. But, at around £200 to £300 plus for most of them — and more for the games — will people want them? STC went down to the buzzing arcade basement of London's top toy store Hamleys to check out whether all



quality at home, but if I bought one of these new machines I'd be worried that there weren't enough games out on the format. Sega's one will be all right, but the others may not have a big choice of games for a while'.

Rachael Wells, aged 12 from Kent said: 'These new games often have so much going on they're confusing. I prefer simple ones — you know the platform games and others that you feel you can control. Some CD games just go past you too quickly. I think I'll stick to my normal Sega rather than a flash new one with games that are too complicated'.

According to 14 year old Robert Ryan from East London: 'From what I know the Atari is going to be the most powerful machine. 3DO is good

but there aren't many games out on it. The others I don't know about. Atari will eventually bring millions of games out and some of the reviews for the games already out make them look excellent'.

A final comment came from David Edwards, aged 13 from Kent: 'What I've seen on these new consoles looks good but I think I'll wait until they're all out so I can see which one is going to be most popular. Then I'll try and get that one'.



So there you have it, master blasters, this new hunky hardware looks like it will be a big hit with you. The usual worries are: price, which machine will be the biggest hit and a 'must have', and also the compatibility of your existing stocks of software on any of the machines. With only the Sega 32X-bit system capable of continuing on a format this machine looks set to thrive. However, with all of the consoles screaming arcade quality gameplay at us before the end of the year maybe one or two of these machines will be hailed as the next generations ace piece of hardware ■



this new technology will be zapping good news for you, or just another pain in the wallet.

13 year old James Burrows from West London commented: 'These new consoles are fine, but what do we do with our old ones and the games we've collected? You could sell them but you wouldn't get much money if all this new stuff's around. It would be expensive to start from scratch again with a new console, but if the games are as good as in this arcade then I'd think about it'.

Martin Willis, aged 14 from Surrey says: 'These new machines are going to be awesome. I've already got a Mega-CD and some of the games on that are unreal. I'm interested in Sega's new console because I've heard that you can still play Sega cartridges and CD's on it. If you can I'll get it as soon as possible'.

Adam Knight, aged 14, from West London told STC: 'The games in this arcade are excellent. It would be brilliant if you could get this



Face of the future?
Mega Drive 32X add on.

Q Zone

ETERNAL CHAMPIONS SPECIAL PART 1



Blade is a very effective fighter. His main tactic is bad-mouthing the opposition to damage their inner-strength. His physical presence and fast moving actions can then take full advantage of any loss in concentration on the part of his opponent.

PLAYING AGAINST BLADE

Using a very effective art Blade's main tactic is bad-mouthing the opposition to damage their inner-strength. His physical presence and fast moving actions can then take full advantage of any loss in concentration on the part of his opponent.

His best move is the Wild Fury Attack, which fires a flurry of ten fast and swift punches into the chest of the opponent. His Tracking Blade can also cause devastation as it hovers in the air for a couple of seconds, before homing in on the unfortunate target.

Blade is a powerful character with only perfectly-timed combinations having a real chance of defeating him. Once he gets in front it's very hard to come back against him. Make sure you hit him early and hard.

The character with the most chance of defeating Blade is Jetta. Her fast speed gives you the chance to outsmart Blade's brawn. Midnight's overhead stomach punch can also prove effective against bigger foes while the sheer strength of Slash always has a chance against Blade.

BLADE

Profile:
Full Name.....Jonathan Blade
Occupation..... Bounty Hunter
Time Period.....2030 AD
Fighting Style.....Kenpo



Blade & Jetta in the Battle room

- 4. Power Punch Up: Push Down and press C.
- 5. Finisher: Run Up and move toward the opponent and press C.
- 6. Truncation Kick: Press the C button at any time.

BEST MOVES

- 1. Wild Fury Attack: Don't move! Just press A, B and C together.
- 2. Tracking Blade: Move away from the opponent for five seconds then press A and Y together.

JETTA

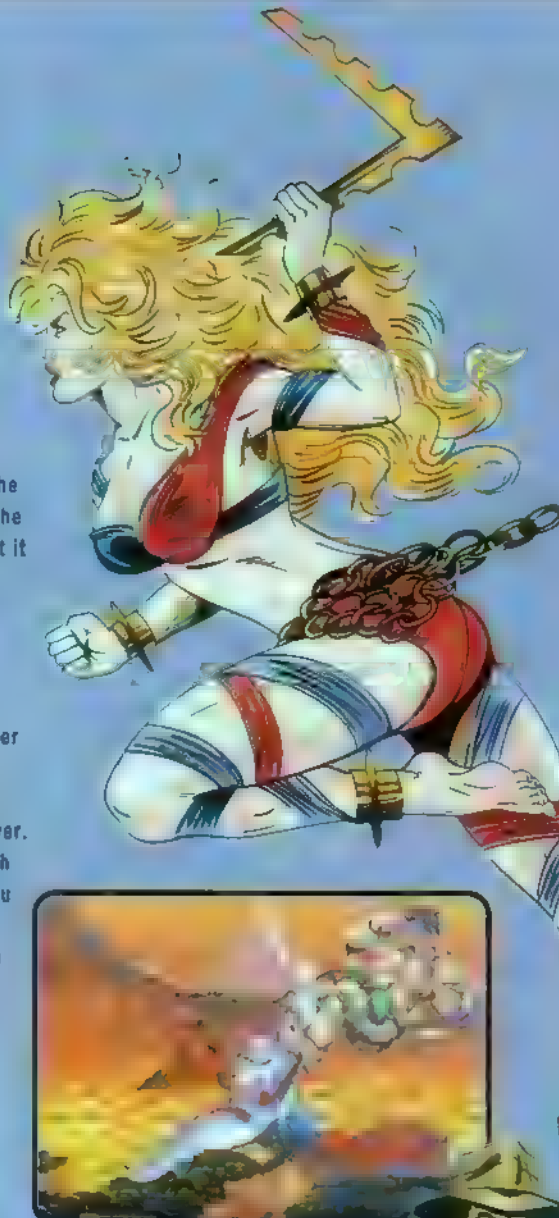
Profile:
Full Name.....Jetta Maxx
Occupation.....Circus Acrobat
Time Period.....1899 AD
Fighting Style....Savate and Pencak Silat

PLAYING AGAINST JETTA

Jetta (one of the fastest characters in the game) bases all her attacks on speed. She approaches enemies with such pace that it seems hard to stop her. If you get trapped in the corner, she'll inevitably use the Cartwheel Attack to keep you

If you can get a few good blows in early, it makes her easier to defeat as her biggest weakness is the inability to recover quickly from hard blows. If you get ahead she'll find it difficult to recover.

Use characters who have moves which stun or immobilise their opponents if you want to defeat Jetta. Xavier and Midnight, for example, both have these type of moves. Shadow can also be effective as she can weaken Jetta in an aerial battle.



Larcen in action



SPECIAL MOVES

1. Flying Choke Hold: Move away from your opponent for five seconds then edge forward while pressing Z.
2. Death Dive: Press C while standing still at any time.
3. Moving Corkscrew: Spin right by pressing B and C. Move quickly by pressing A and B.
4. Blinding: Move away from your opponent for five seconds then edge forward and press X and Y.
5. Bludgeon: Move away from your opponent and press B or C.
6. Goodwill Throw: Move away from your opponent and press B.

BEST MOVES

1. Flying Teapots: Move away from your opponent and press B.
2. Cartwheel Attack: Stand facing the opponent and press B and C.



Ex-Russian revolutionary Jetta Maxx versus Shadow

LARCEN

Profile:
Full Name.....Larcen
Occupation.....Tyler
Time Period.....1920AD
Fighting Style....Praying Mantis and Kung Fu

PLAYING AGAINST LARCEN

This guy is one tough opponent. His great strength is the ability to deflect any incoming fireballs and other projectiles back at the aggressor. He also performs this at double speed, so there's no chance of escape.

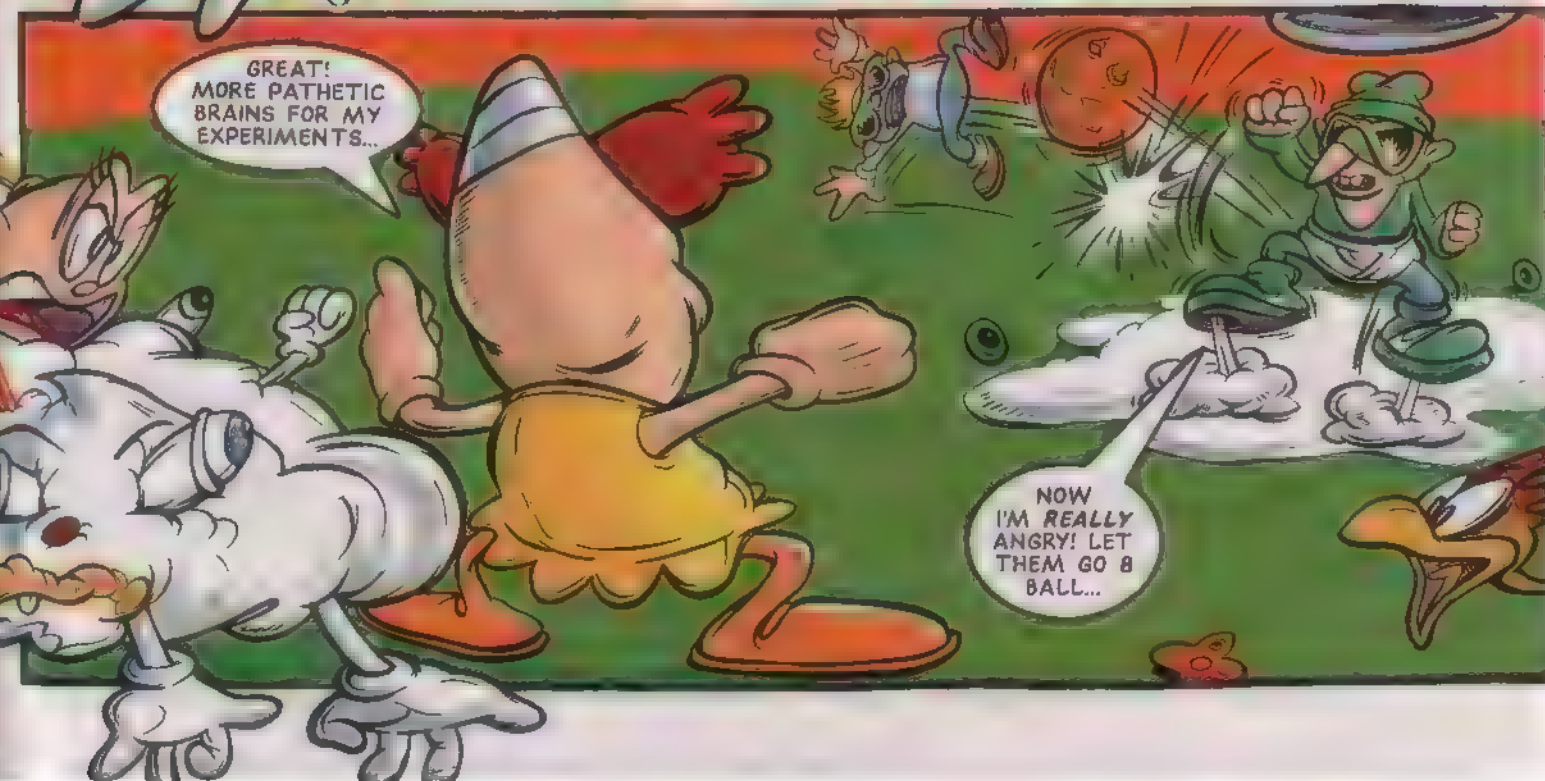
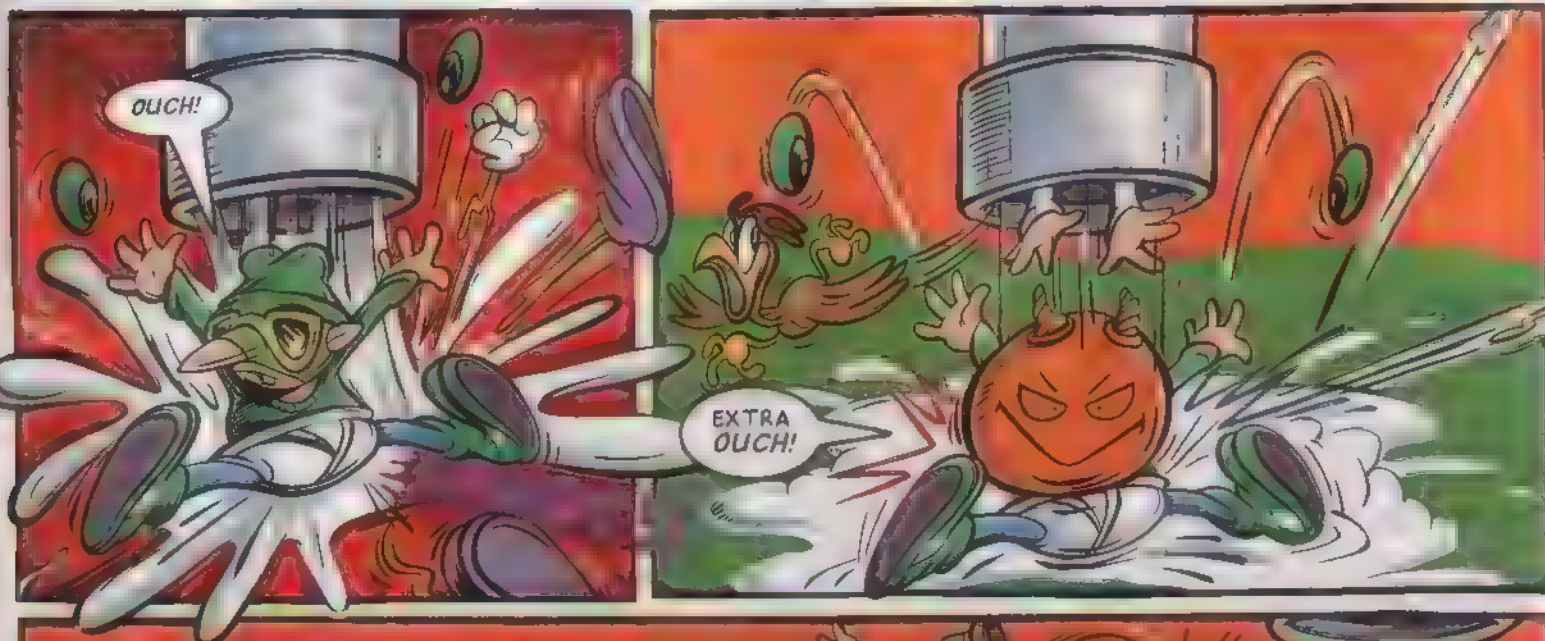
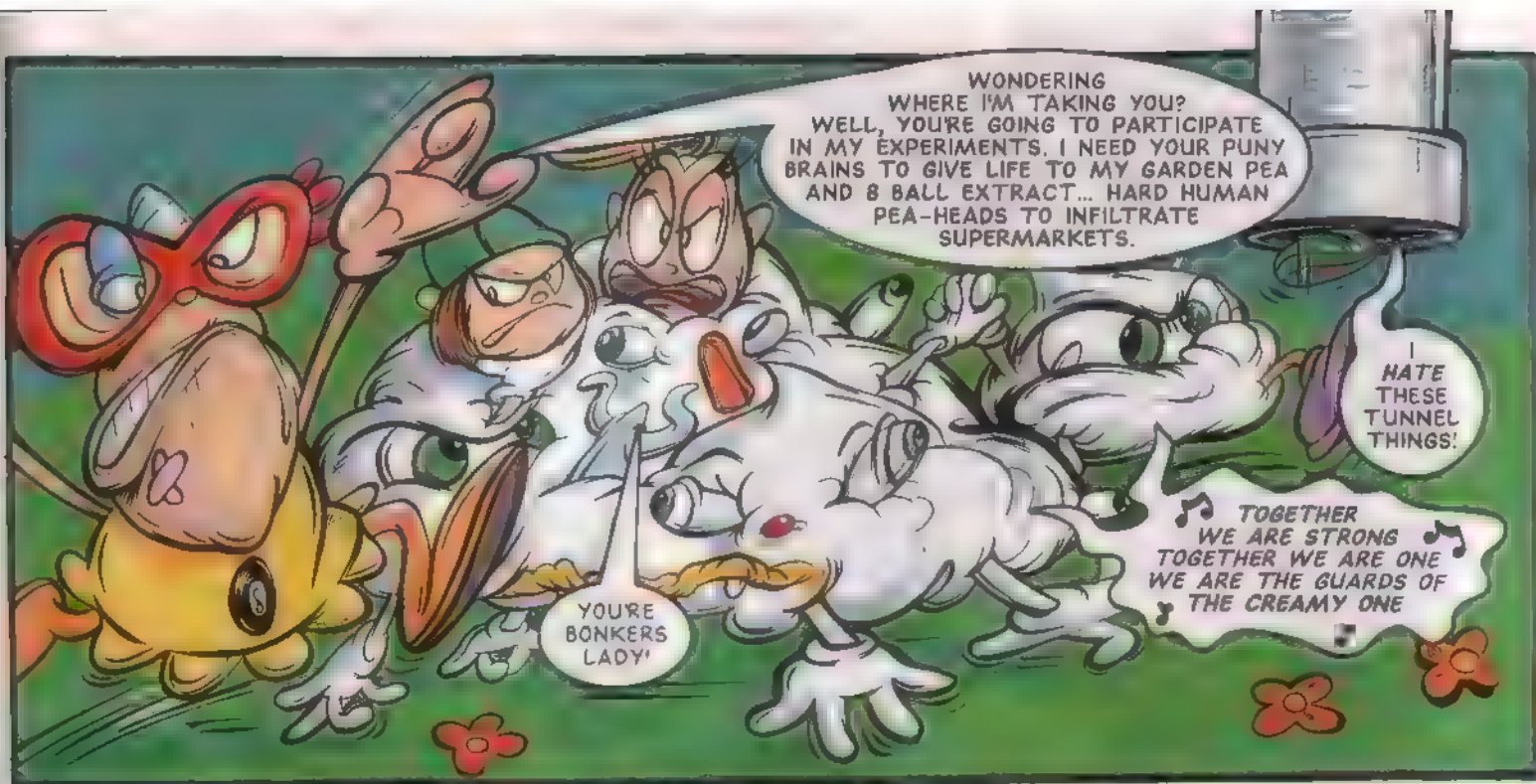
As Larcen has a deadly punch and a good method of throwing, it is best to use characters with agility and strength against him. The characters must also have plenty of variation in their attack, as relying too heavily on projectiles will quickly become unstuck. The best opponents are Midnight, Rex and Trident as these are the ones who have the greatest chance of success using their individual fighting styles.

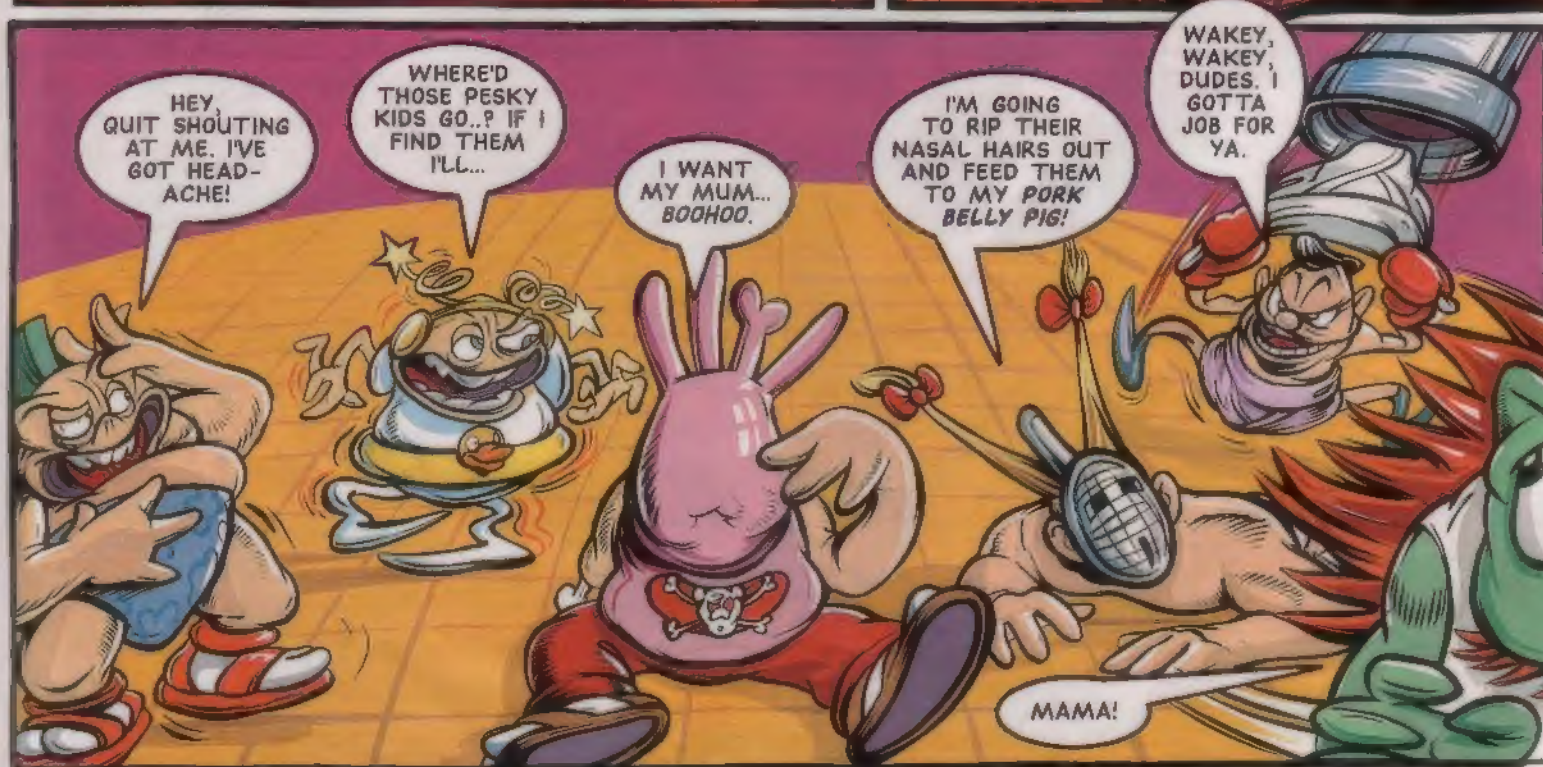
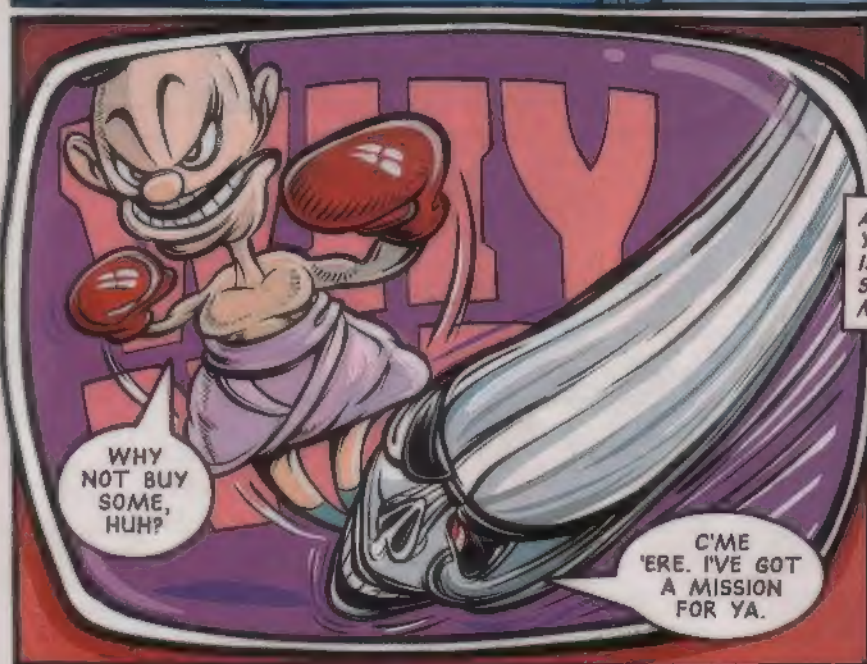
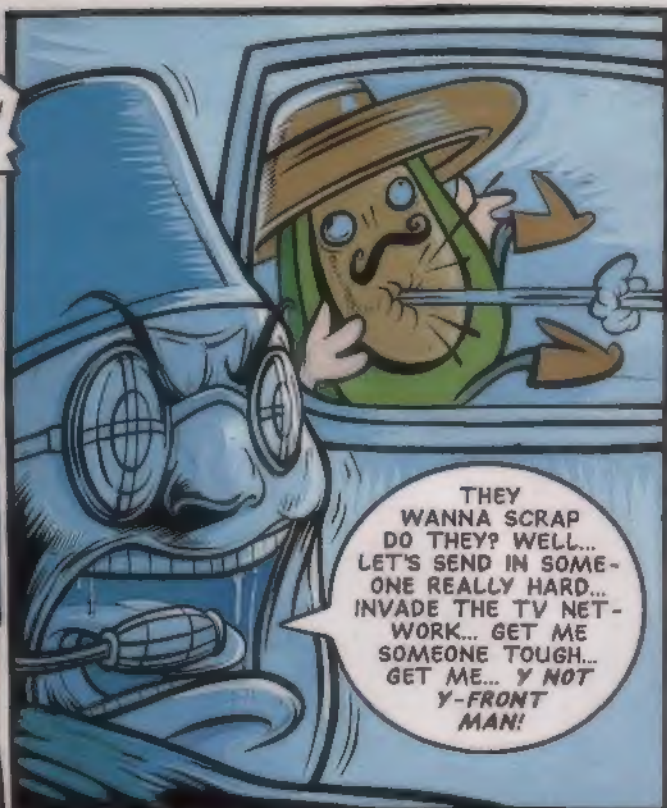
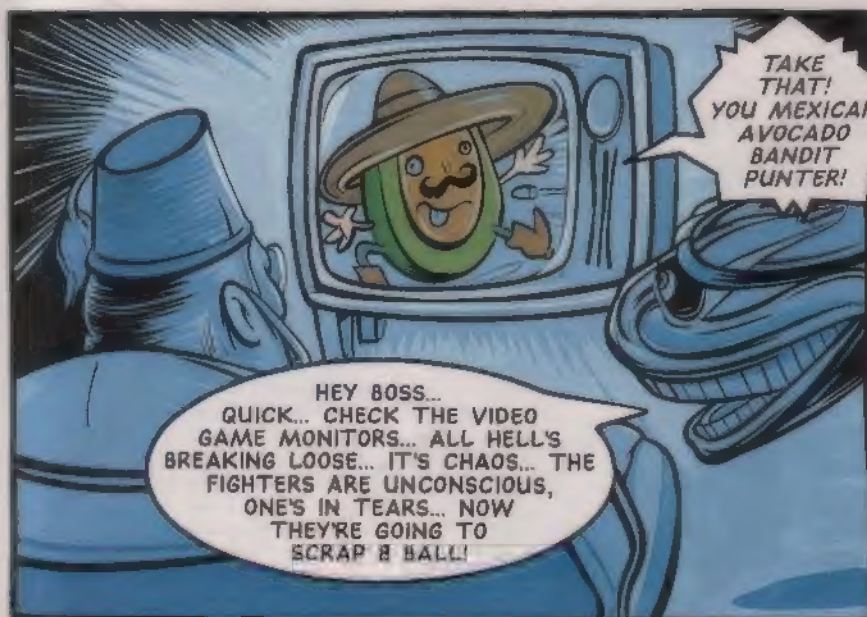
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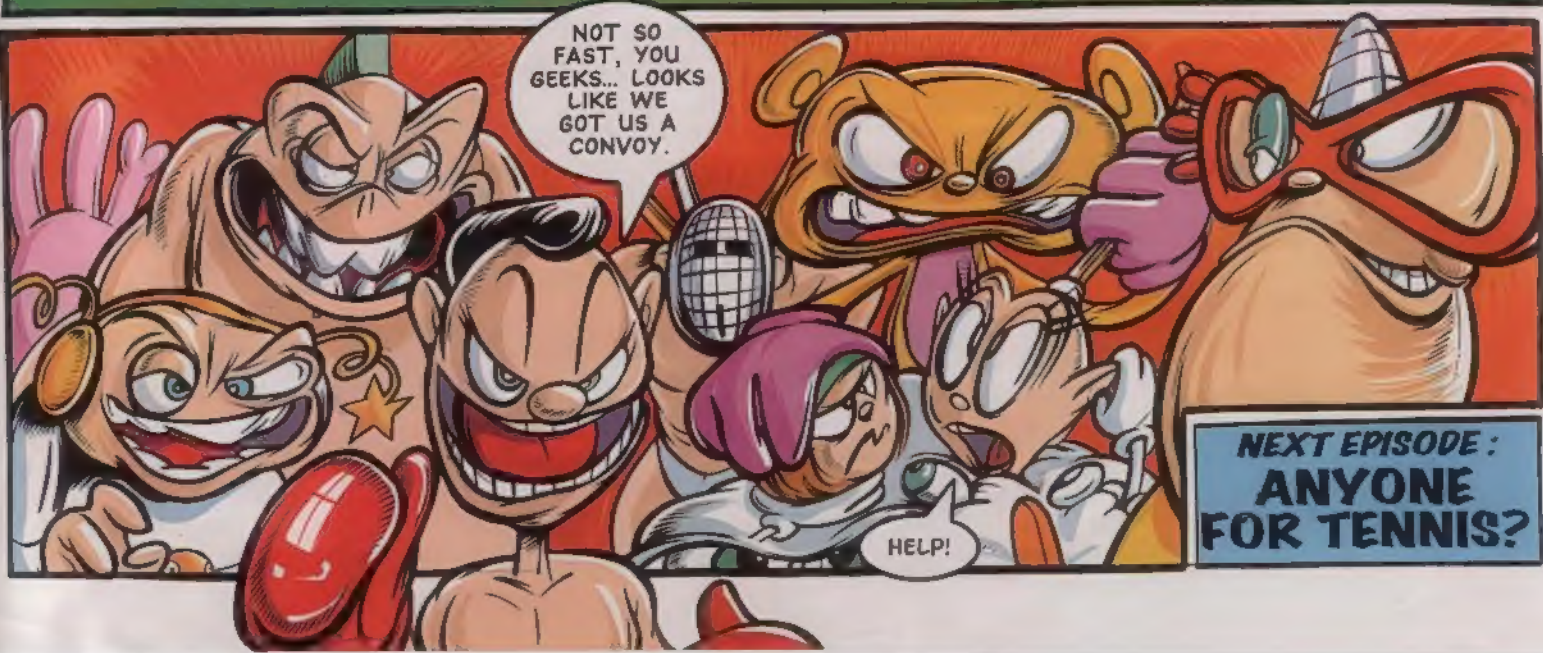
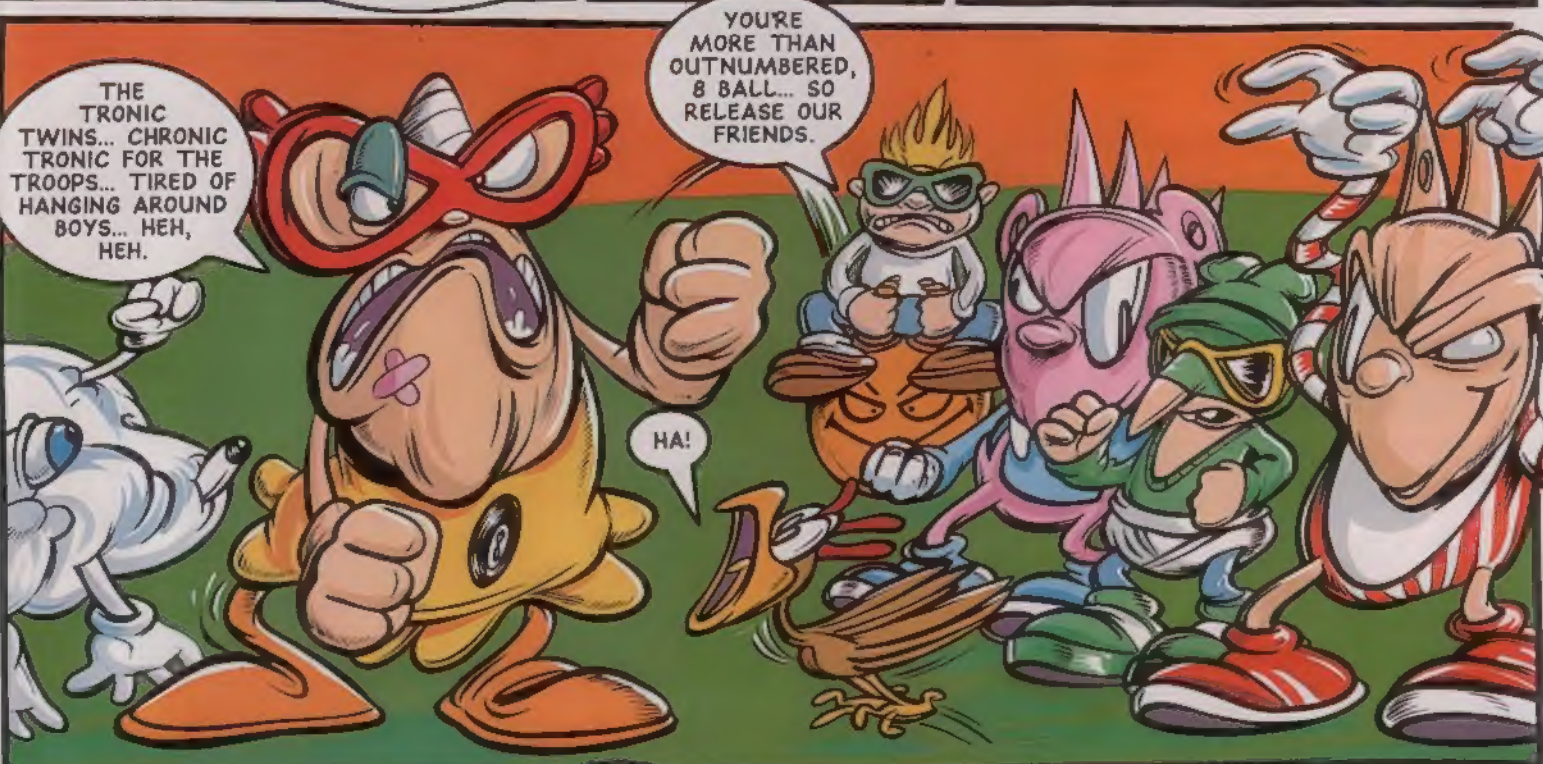
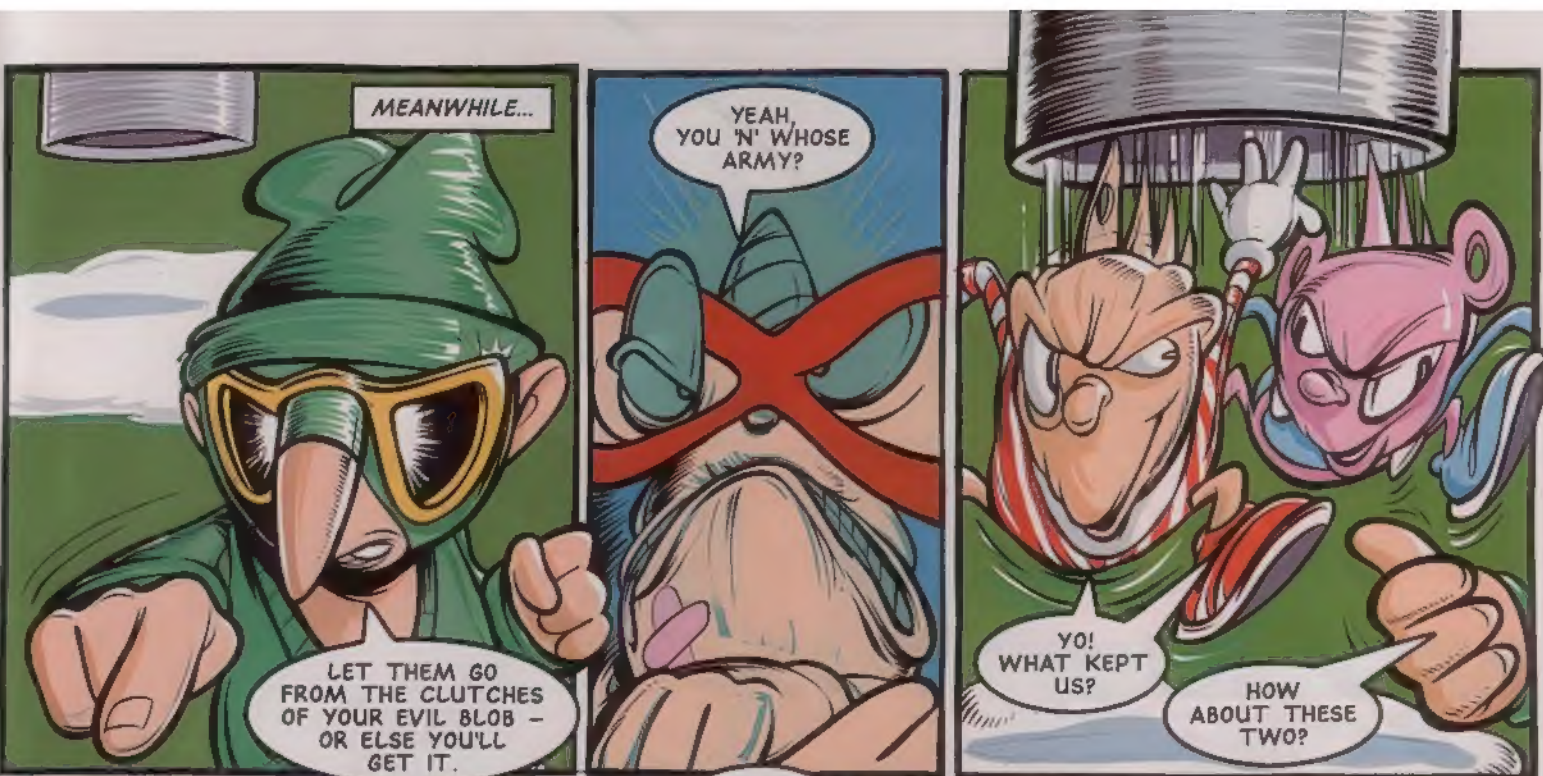
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F.I.B INFORMATION FILE:
SACKHEAD, FLAME, GRR
AND BOB HAVE BEEN
TORN FROM THEIR
LIVING ROOM BY
PIRATES FEZHEAD AND
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NIGHTMARE VIDEO
GAME NOW,
SACKHEAD AND FLAME,
ACCOMPANIED BY THE
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GO TO THE AID OF GRR
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SPEEDLINES



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Summer Sneeze

Dear STC,

I have suffered from that dreaded summer ailment hay fever since I was seven. I sneeze constantly, my eyes and throat itch and I feel totally miserable. I avoid going outside because this makes me even worse. It also means I'm stuck in the house with nothing to do. Please can you send me a Sonic Water Fun Game to keep me occupied?

Peter Heard, Tredworth, Gloucester.
MD & GG owner.

Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



A couple of the humes-who-think-they're-in-charge around here also have snot - sorry - have hayfever. You should see the 'snowman' that's been constructed from the discarded tissues.

Odd Shoes

Dear STC,

How is it that on the cover of Adventures of Sonic Hedgehog 1 the soles of Sonic's shoes are red, while on the cover of Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog 2 the soles are white?

Daniel Richards, Keynsham, Bristol. MS owner.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



Well spotted, Daniel -- why don't you colour in the soles yourself when you get a spare minute from all that nit-picking.



If you can keep your head ... Decap Attack returns in STC 36.
Paul Wearing, Yate (nr Bristol). MS 2 owner.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



STC DIY

Dear STC,

Thank goodness you included a free giant size poster in issue 28 of STC. It was extremely handy in hiding the peeling wallpaper in my bedroom!

Sarah Owen, Dyfed, Wales.

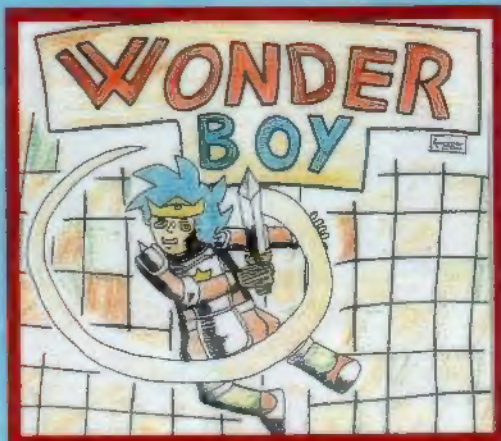
MD owner.

Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



Of course, Sarah, your disintegrating wallpaper was the reason behind the free gift.

That Boy Wonder ...
Albert Lobo, c/o Cardiff, Wales. MD owner.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



Into The Valley

Dear STC,

Why is it that on Sunday mornings Sonic fans in England (and Scotland?) get to watch the cartoon version of Sonic the Hedgehog, while us viewers in Wales have to watch a silly puppet show called 'Sot Sul'? A Welsh translated version of the Sonic cartoon would be much better than the current programme.

Cheryl Hughes, Dyfed, Wales.

Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



A multi-lingual Sonic, eh, Cheryl?

Since STC is translated into Dutch,

French, German and Italian, I don't see

why the humes in control can't come up with a Welsh speaking Sonic.

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It's true! Every letter and drawing printed on this page wins a Segasational prize! One of these fabulous Tomy Sonic The Hedgehog Water Fun Games can be yours. Fill it with water and pump the button to see if you can help Sonic catch all the power rings. It's challenging.

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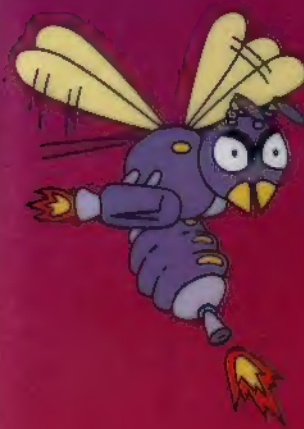


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List your three favourite stories
in this issue in order of
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